

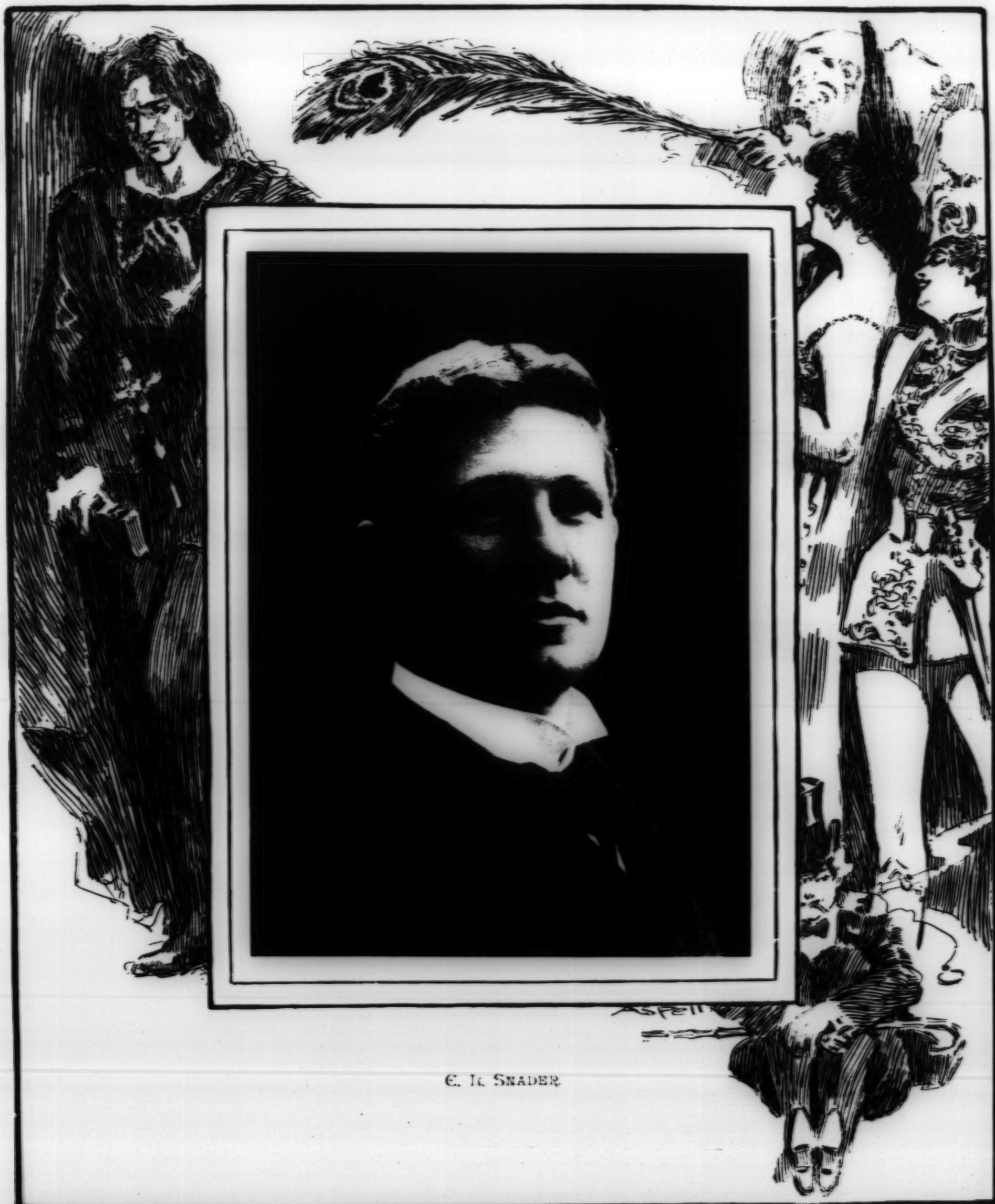
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E. I. SNADER.



In spite of the early openings at some of the theatres, the town is theatrically at its dearest just now.

Those who lingered in the city until they had secured engagements for the coming season hastened to escape to some Summer place as soon as they had concluded their arrangements, and those who came back after an early jaunt found the town too uninteresting to remain.

It is wonderful to note that through it all the continuous houses have been running without much apparent abatement in the enthusiasm or size of their audiences. There is always a floating population in New York during the Summer that is glad to find a "show" to amuse them for an evening, and to these the "continuous" houses have been a positive boon.

The advances that vaudeville has made in a few seasons from the old-time variety bill is amazing. Many of the "sketches" that are being done at the different houses are clever, amusing bits of literature, excellently interpreted by the vaudeville artists that have made this line of work their specialty.

And this fact gives The Matinee Girl courage to echo the sentiments expressed last week in La Touche Hancock's letter to THE MIRROR. That is, the need for the one-act play. Never fear, the vaudeville sketch of the moment is paving the way for the artistic little gems that we have had a taste of in the past, but that our managers insist on pushing into the background, heedless of the art, the sketchiness and the pleasant lack of the artistic carpentry that marks the successful curtain-raiser.

Listen to a sad little story that The Matinee Girl heard last week at a big Summer hotel:

It was at the Gray Dragon Inn. The time, say ten years ago. A man and a girl stood on the piazza of a great seaside hotel. Through the French windows, opening like doors to where they stood, they heard the clatter of dishes, the sounds of dinner and the light talk of dinner time. It was like a gay panorama—waiters carrying silver dishes aloft, the throng of feasting, laughing men and women, black coats and white shoulders interspersed, and jewels shimmering through it all like the spangles on a fan.

The faces of the two young people without were radiant. The girl was beautiful, gold-haired and blue-eyed like a girl in a book. On her white hand gleamed a ruby and a pearl, a new betrothal ring. The man leaned over and took the hand that wore the ring fondly in his own. The girl flushed, laughed happily and looked in his eyes.

"I have just thought," she said, "if those great stone dragons that seem to uphold this terrace could speak, what a story they could tell of all they have looked upon since they first were placed here and gave the place its name."

They laughed again, the happy, heedless laugh of youth and love. The band began to play an old song within the hall. The waves dashed against the rocks beneath the terrace with a sob and a roar. But the moon made a glorious golden path across the water, shimmering and wide as though stretched before their straying feet until the end of time.

But the great gray dragons that upheld the portico seemed to smile with a knowledge of all life held for such as they.

Ten years after—the girl, a beautiful woman, with saddened eyes and hair of yellowed gold, stood on the same terrace. Her rich white gown fell to the stone floor like the drapery of a statue and around her throat hung a rope of diamonds, heavy as a fetter.

Again there was the bright picture within the windows. Again the ocean beat upon the rocks and the moon sent its quivering beams across the water. Again the band played a love song in the hall. And the golden-haired woman looked out across the water, this time without a laugh in her eyes. All the tragedy that had passed in the time since she had visited the place came up before her.

A longing to cry out rose in her breast and she trailed the glorious whiteness of her robe along the stone terrace to the great open door. A man came to her side and spoke to her. She smiled brightly at him and passed on.

And the great gray dragons beside the doorway seemed to smile with a knowledge of all the misery life holds for one woman sometimes in ten years.

This is the story that the gray dragons told me of the most beautiful woman at the inn this Summer—a true story!

"Let us go slumming," said the Man who Knows it All.

"Slumming in August?" said the Earnest Student of Human Nature. "It's too infernally hot!"

"I know of a roof-garden," said the Man who Knows it All, "where we can see refined vaudeville, neat song and dance, and a man who plays sonatas with a fine shovel and a poker."

"By all means then let us go," said the Earnest Student of Human Nature. And they girded their shirt-waists about them and hid forth.

"It will be like a variety show?" asked the Earnest Student of Human Nature, who was a stranger in a big city.

"It will be more than that," said the Man who Knows it All; "it will be dog day vaudeville."

"I have never been able to imagine why we call Midsummer the dog days," remarked the Earnest Student, as they boarded a cable car.

"Merely an offset to the old saying that every dog has his day, I suppose," said the Man who Knows; "but the fact is, every dog

has not his day. When you get down to facts, few if any of those old sayings are really true."

"It seems odd to go slumming on a roof-garden," said the Earnest Student; "is it very exciting?"

"If it is not exciting," said the Man who Knows, "one can always fight with the waiter."

"But why should we fight with an unoffending waiter?" asked the Earnest Student.

"Waiters are never unoffending," explained the Man who Knows. "Besides that they expect it and are in training for it. If you object to anything, from a number of the programme to an overworked straw in the lemonade, the waiters will fight with you. I think they spend their days punching bags so as to be in condition for the evening performances."

"Where is the place?" asked the Earnest Student.

"It is the Pyramid Roof-garden," said the Man who Knows, "and it has the highest elevation of any roof-garden in town, also the highest steins. The air is so rarefied that you have some difficulty in breathing at first, but you get used to it after a while."

So they were wafted up in an elevator and found themselves on an enclosed roof with tables, at one of which they seated themselves, ordering two.

"But I can't see the stage," said the Earnest Student.

"Nobody tries to see the stage," explained the Man who Knows. "It's bad form. I'll tell you all about it. First we have the Voiceless Four, a quartette that come on in a sketch with a make-up, introducing their songs and specialties. As a rule, you know, quartettes come on awkwardly and abruptly and stand in line with their hands and feet in unnatural positions. Then they begin a sentimental song with a suddenness that jars you. Then they finish and walk as far as the wings, turn around and come back. You follow me?"

The Earnest Student nodded.

"The Voiceless Four have a dainty little sketch called Any Old Thing. It is unique and pleasing. Four tramps meet on a country road and begin to talk about their boyhood long ago on the old farm. This prepares the audience for the 'Down on the Old Farm' song, and this is followed by one of the tramps finding a banjo on a tree."

"How fortunate," said the Earnest Student.

"He performs on this banjo, not in the usual way, but holding it back of his head in a strained, unnatural position that adds great value to his accomplishment, and the other tramps give imitations of sawmills, cows, dogs, steamboat whistles and birds. After this they sing 'The Palms' and do some wing dancing. Then they take off their various wigs, whiskers and other facial make-up and how so that the audience can see that they are really very good-looking young men. Sometimes they are not, but they do it just the same."

"I see that the next number is 'The Renowned Vocalists and Terpsichorean Entertainers, the Wobble Sisters,'" said the Earnest Student, consulting his programme.

"That is really a charming thing," said the Man who Knows it All. "The two Miss Wobbles first do a rag-time dance, after which they sing a sentimental song, 'Mother is Watching and Waiting for Us.' Then they make a quick change of attire and come out as young men. They perform another dance and sing a coon song, ending with a cake-walk."

"And the famous imitator and mimic who has appeared before all the crowned heads of Europe?" asked the Earnest Student. "I find it really very interesting. I am almost beginning to wish that I could get a view of the stage where all these things are going on."

"Not at all," said the Man who Knows. "Not at all. It is an imported mimic who gives imitations of foreign celebrities that have never been heard or seen in this country. Each of these imitations wins protracted applause. It gives a traveled air to the audience to applaud the imitation of some one they've never heard of before. Then the professor gives imitations of various American notables and actors that are chiefly remarkable for the fact that they are quite unlike the persons intended. They win applause, however, on the principle that a poor foreigner trying to earn his living in this country must be encouraged. When the professor retires finally you will notice that he wears two medals on the centre of his shirt bosom."

"And the child dancer, Baby Fay?" asked the Earnest Student, mopping his brow.

"Baby Fay is a diminutive little person who wears heelless slippers and her hair tied in two clumps at each side of her forehead. She is a kittenish little thing and throws kisses to the audience as she goes off. I've always liked her ever since I was a boy. She is such an ingenious little thing. She always comes on before the intermission."

"What occurs then?" asked the Earnest Student.

"Then everybody makes his escape to make room for the crowds that pour in after the regular downstairs theatres empty. You hear folks on all sides saying the bill is no good and you echo the sentiment."

"But why do they come here then?" asked the Earnest Student.

"Because there is nowhere else to go," said the Man who Knows. "People drift in and drift out again, for it is usually cool. People go to the opera much in the same way. Then there are always other people to see."

"Suppose," said the Earnest Student of Human Nature, "that we go out at the intermission and ride around in the cars and get transfers. I find it very exciting amusement for a Summer night."

"I'm with you," said the Man who Knows it All. And they eluded out.

THE MATINEE GIRL.

THE ART OF ACTING.

There is something that, for a hundred years, more or less, has been scissored and paraphrased from one book to another, and has been called Elocution.

It is elocution, too, if Webster is right when he says that elocution is "a mode of utterance accompanied by gesture;" but it is not good elocution, if Whately is right when he says that elocution, to be good, "must convey the meaning clearly, forcibly, and agreeably;" for this elocution, instead of occupying itself with the meaning of the words, occupies itself with the tones in which the words are spoken.

This school of elocution talks to its disciples of, and would have them occupy themselves with, orotunds, sostenutos, whispers and half-whispers, monotones, basilar tones and guttural tones, high pitches, middle pitches and low pitches, gentle tones, reverent tones, and all the rest of that old trumpery that has made many a noisy, stilted reader, but never an intelligent, agreeable reader. Things that are old are commonly good, but we have here an exception to the rule. The teaching of this school of elocution can have but one result—that of producing readers occupied with the sound of their own voices, rather than with that that is the primary, the only legitimate object of reading.

This kind of elocution and the ignoramus that pretend to teach elocution have brought the very name of the art into such discredit with the stage that most actors are of opinion that nothing is more to be shunned. Nor would there be anything more to be shunned if the elocution of the books and the elocution of the ignoramus were all the elocution there is.

The Rev. Dr. Kramer, of Brooklyn, in an essay contributed to *Werner's Magazine*, on pulpit oratory, very pertinently says: "Orators and actors may raise their hands in horror at the mention of the word *elocution*; but it remains true that no one can act or speak well who is not an elocutionist. If by elocution we mean a series of what Comstock designates as *vocal acrobatics*, then there is ground for prejudice against it. Elocution is not ventriloquism. To ring like a bell, to blow like a bugle, to neigh like a horse, to croak like a frog, to sing like a bird—all this is not elocution. Elocution is something far beyond this, far nobler—it is to speak like a man! to express the thoughts and emotions of a man in the tones of a man. When he has a sensible view of elocution, no intelligent person will say a word against it."

Kate Field dealt more tenderly with elocution and elocution teachers than actors commonly do when she said: "If there is a word more repellent than all others to an actor, or to the descendant of actors, it is the word *elocution*. It is saying a good deal, but, probably, outside of patent medicines, there is no humbug so great as characterizes nine-tenths of elocution teaching. Men and women utterly incapable of speaking one sentence naturally undertake to make public speakers. What is the result? Pulpit, bar, rostrum, and stage team with speakers that mouth, orate, rant, chant and intone, but are never natural. It is a grievous evil. That elocution can be taught I have no doubt, but I know that most teachers are to be shunned as you would shun the plague."

But if the elocution teachers are as bad as the actors say they are—and they are, Heaven knows! as bad, if you bunch them, as they well could be—are the actors themselves any better? They think they are. But how rare it is to find a man that does not think better of himself than he deserves! The elocution of the actors, as a class, is as bad as that of the elocutionists.

Take, for example, the elocution of the whole of the Romeo and Juliet cast, with one or two exceptions, as lately produced at one of our Broadway theatres. Could it have been worse? How many players of the whole number spoke as though they thought it their duty to do more than to articulate the words with a certain loudness in the order the author had arranged them in? Did anybody ever speak his own language, when he extemporized, as they spoke Shakespeare's? When we extemporize we speak so as to make the thought our language expresses easy to seize; our emphases, our pauses and our inflections are all true to nature. And this is all very easy to do—when we extemporize; this we do instinctively. But when we speak the language of another—language that has been prepared for us—it is a very different matter. Then we must not only study the language very carefully, but also study it in the right way. Studying it in the wrong way, as the average elocutionist studies it, will not do, nor will it do to study it not at all, as the average actor studies it. The one course is as bad as the other, and each course produces results between which it is hard to choose. The results of either course are calculated to play people out of the theatre rather than into it.

Nowadays, at the least, the thing that in stage presentations properly outweighs all others in importance is commonly treated as of no importance whatever. Shakespeare would be far more interesting, with the language properly spoken, played in a barn and dressed by an East side pawnbroker, than it is as commonly played with all our costly settings.

The average actor, when you put him into the higher walks of the drama, is an example of ignorance in love with the sound of his own voice. Yet he goes about railing at the elocutionist—no, he rails at elocution, not being aware that elocution can be anything else than the old bow-wow, sing-song, chanting monotony that the ignoramus have been teaching for generations. The elocutionists he calls fossils, fools, or frauds; while himself he calls an artist.

An artist! Heaven help us! Well, yes, he is an artist; but his art is the fakir's art, not the actor's art. He stands in the same relation to the artists of his profession that the bricklayer and the hod-carrier stand to the architect. Not one in six of the rank and file knows the A B C of his business.

There is a deal said about the degeneration and regeneration of the stage. Of the degeneration much is imaginary; but of that at another time. Of the regeneration—betterment—would be a better word—Helen Dauvray once wrote: "It is within the stage itself that reform must originate." Quite right! Then Miss Dauvray quoted Delaunay, of the Théâtre Français, who says that repose, knowing what to do with the hands, and how to walk, are the three great essentials of the actor's art, and that all else will come easily. Quite wrong! The greatest blockhead should learn these things quickly and easily; but the greatest genius cannot, without long, patient, and rightly directed study, learn the thing that always has, and always will, more than any other one thing, distinguish the great ones

from the small ones—good elocution! The student of the art of delivery never finishes; there is always something left for him to learn. He produces his effects with the voice-making apparatus as much as the opera singer does his; but his art is far the more intellectual of the two. The actor's occupation is the presenting of the greatest thoughts of the greatest poets, which requires an intellectual-ity of a much higher order than is required to make the sweetest sounds of the greatest composers. Yet the singer studies for years before he thinks of venturing before the public, while the player often rushes before the public without any preparatory study whatever.

The classic drama, it is sometimes said, will not draw. Well, will classic music draw if played by a band of duffers? The public is as little inclined to see the poets crucified as it is to see the composers crucified. Irving and his company find auditors enough. Let our players learn to play the "legitimate," and not content themselves with playing at it, and the public will richly reward them for their labor. There's a deal of howl about the degenerate taste of the theatregoing public; of the non-appreciation of plays of the better sort. What calumny! If the public doesn't come out to see the better plays, it's because its taste is too good. Vanity, delusion, and ignorance misinterpret the eloquence of the empty benches. By keeping away, the public says:

"No, no! none of the legitimate from the like of you; give us something you can manage, boys, and we'll go to see you."

But to get back to our subject. What is this much-maligned thing called elocution?

It is the art of speaking language so as to get out of it all there is in it: of speaking it so as to convey its meaning clearly and forcibly; of speaking it so as to produce the effect with it that the author intended to produce with it.

To do this there is but one way, and that way is to be natural (not commonplace); to copy nature; to speak as we should speak if the thought were ours and the language came to us as we give it utterance—OFTEN A VERY DIFFICULT THING TO DO! ALFRED AYRES.

NEW SINGERS TO APPEAR.

Henry W. Savage and Maurice Grau, managers of the new Metropolitan English Grand Opera company, have engaged for their organization the coming season a number of singers of European reputation who have not been heard in this country. Among these are Ingeborg Ballstrom and William Paull. Miss Ballstrom and William Paull. Miss Ballstrom, a young Swedish soprano, has for three years been a favorite member of the Royal Opera company in Stockholm, and has frequently appeared at the court of King Oscar. Mr. Paull is a finely trained English baritone, who for several seasons has sung with the Carl Rosa company. Among the famous singers known to American operagoers that have been engaged for the new organization is Lempiere Fringle, whose popularity in New York has long been firmly established.

REVIVAL OF LE VOYAGE EN SUISSE.

Elmer and Thall, who have purchased from the Hanlon Brothers the exclusive rights of the French pantomimic comedy, *Le Voyage en Suisse*, the play which served to introduce these clever acrobats and pantomimists to the American public, will produce it in elaborate style, with new mechanical effects. The play has been rewritten by Richard F. Carroll and will be staged under his direction. The company will include Charles Guyer, William Schrode, Allene Crater, Nellie Daly, Jane Holly, Robert Broderick, Edwin H. Carroll, Thomas Evans, Raymond Capp, and a chorus of thirty. The season will open on Sept. 12 in New England, and runs will be given in this city and vicinity.

E. L. SNADER.

THE MIRROR's first page bears this week the latest picture of E. L. Snader, who for the coming season will hold an important position in the American Theatre Stock company of this city. He needs no special introduction to metropolitan audiences. For the past three years he has been a leading member of one of Boston's favorite stock companies, and is well remembered in this city and throughout the country for his clever and conscientious work in *The Still Alarm*, *Blue Jeans* and in the title-role of *Paul Kavanar*. Mr. Snader has held also important positions with several of our tragic stars, the last having been in A. M. Palmer's special company supporting Tommaso Salvini.

CAST OF CALEB WEST.

The complete cast of Jacob Litt's production of *Caleb West*, dramatized by Michael Morton from F. Hopkinson Smith's novel, and to be first presented at the Manhattan Theatre Sept. 17, will be as follows: Caleb West, J. H. Benrimo; Captain Joe, George Fawcett; Sanford, Edwin Arden; Lonny Bowles, Elmer Grandin; Captain Bob, J. W. Cope; Carleton, Robert Lowe; General Barton, John T. Burke; Betty, May Buckley; Mrs. Leroy, Isobel Haskins; Auntie Bell, Mrs. McKee Rankin; Miss Peabody, Ada Gilman; Miss Taft, Emily Wake-man; Miss Ann Nevins, Helen King Russell; Miss Rebecca Nevins, Alice Hunt; Bill Lacy, Malcolm Williams; Butch, Harry Halliday.

NEW TITLE FOR WILSON OPERA.

Boo-boo Boon Boon is no more. That jaw-splitting, tongue twisting title, selected for the new opera by Goodwin and Englander, that Francis Wilson will produce at the Knickerbocker Theatre, Sept. 10, has been replaced by another name that can be pronounced without a special course of lingual gymnastics. The opera will be known hereafter as *The Monks of Malabar*, and every one that has had to mention the former name, either in speaking or in writing, will be grateful for the change. The Monks of Malabar is a good title, musical and euphonious. As for Boo-boo Boon Boon, it was hopeless, even for a sober man.

JUDGMENT AGAINST BLANEY AND VANCE.

Judgment has been rendered against Charles E. Blaney and Clay T. Vance in favor of Musical Director Walter W. Newcomer for \$150. Mr. Newcomer was a member of Blaney and Vance's *A Boy Wanted* company at Quincey, Ill., the members of the company failing, it is said, to receive salaries for the last two weeks. The contract called for two weeks' notice and railroad fares to New York. Suit was brought for the balance of salary, railroad fares and two weeks' salary on the notice, amounting in all to \$150. The claimant was represented by Attorney M. Strassman.

HENRY GUY CARLETON, INVENTOR.



Among the hundreds of offices that honeycomb the big St. James Building there are three that bear upon their doors the legend:

CARLETON ELECTRIC COMPANY.

The signs are conventionally businesslike and one would never imagine that the offices contained ought to interest readers of THE MIRROR. Yet the Carleton Electric Company is, in a way, connected with the drama, for the head, front and brain of the company is none other than Henry Guy Carleton, the playwright, author of A Gilded Fool, The Butterflies, The Lion's Mouth and other successful plays.

Mr. Carleton takes a rest from his dramatic work in an odd manner, and to his way of spending a vacation is due the existence of the Carleton Electric Company. Besides the drama, Mr. Carleton has had from boyhood another hobby, that of mechanics, especially electrical mechanics. He delights to tinker about in a workshop, amid tools and machinery. The study of electricity affords him a relaxation from his literary work, and this relaxation has proven not only pleasurable but profitable as well. The results of Mr. Carleton's experiments in electricity have been the invention by him of a number of important devices that the Carleton Electric Company was incorporated to manufacture and sell.

It is curious to think that a dramatist, a man known mostly for his invention of plots and characters, should be also the inventor of thermostats, rheostats, and other machines with strange technical names. But it is the same inventive faculty, Mr. Carleton says, that is used in both lines. Only it is applied differently.

Mr. Carleton has obtained thus far about twenty-eight patents on various electrical inventions, and occupies in consequence a prominent place among electricians. His latest invention is called the "pansignal," and before long it should become almost as well known as the telephone.

The pansignal is a signalling instrument primarily intended to be used in hotels and apartment houses for communicating between guest rooms and the main office. By an ingenious system of numbers the guest is enabled to give about 1,000 different orders, covering almost every requirement, with no more trouble than is necessary in ringing a messenger call.

A detailed technical description of the pansignal would be impossible without the employment of diagrams and of terms not found in the lay vocabulary. It will suffice, therefore, to say that the pansignal, as seen by the user, consists of a small brass disc perforated with several sets of numbered holes, labeled "ones," "tens," "hundreds," and "persons to be served." Attached to the disc by chains are four small pins and a handle. All the discs in the building are connected with a receiver in the office, that records automatically each order, room number and the time. With each instrument goes a printed list of orders with their corresponding numbers. To illustrate: Suppose that our guest feels a yearning for a rye whiskey highball. He consults his list of orders and finds that a rye highball is, let us say, call No. 240. Then he plugs one of the pins into hole No. 2 of the hundreds series, another into No. 4 of the tens series, and another into No. 0 of the units series. If he is entertaining a friend or friends, he indicates the number of persons to be served in that series. This completed—it is the work of an instant only—the handle is pulled, and the order is registered on the office receiver, and on another receiver at the bar. The bartender prepares the drink, that is ready when the bellboy comes for it, and in less time than it takes to tell it the guest receives his highball. It is the same if towels, ice water, papers, theatre tickets, cigars, meals or any of a multitude of other things are wanted. It is impossible for the machine to register inaccurately. Furthermore, the recording of all calls makes an unalterable record of the hotel's room orders, a check on employees that is of great value to the business department of the house.

Besides the pansignal, one of the other fruits of Mr. Carleton's inventive genius is an electrical combination lock that can be applied to any door or window and that, when the current is on, renders it impossible for the lock to be opened, even with the right key. Also, with the current on, any attempt to force the door or window, or to pick or unscrew the lock will cause an alarm to ring. The other patents cover a variety of inventions of electrical and commercial importance. All the patents are "broad" in tenor—that is, many claims for originality are allowed on each. On one patent forty-one claims are allowed.

Mr. Carleton was never a man to court publicity, and he has made no attempt to advertise his new enterprise among his theatrical associates. To a MIRROR man, who sought him at his office, Mr. Carleton talked willingly of his inventions, but protested that any news regarding them would be of no interest to theatrical people.

"This work is the most agreeable sort of pastime to me," he said, after demonstrating the workings of the instruments and showing THE MIRROR man a number of models, sketches and patents. "I find that after writing on a play I get a complete rest by going to our factory and devoting myself to electrical work. The change and the subject are fascinating. Meantime my mind has an absolute rest from playwrighting, which, when I resume it, is in its turn a relaxation after the electrical experiments. Thus one pursuit aids the other, while both are interesting in the extreme."

Though this article deals with Henry Guy Carleton, inventor, it may be permissible to mention in conclusion that Henry Guy Carle-

ton, playwright, has just completed his dramatization of "When Knighthood Was in Flower," in which Julia Marlowe is to star next season.

RECOLLECTIONS OF ROSE EYTINGE.

Her First Trouble With a Manager—She Joins Wallack and Davenport.

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I think I said something last week about my first "row" with my manager. As that row led me to very good fortune, I can revert to it now with pleasure, though at the time it gave me great pain.

One clause of the offer made me by the Boston Theatre management was that I should not be called upon to support feminine stars, but it fell out that in the opening week of my engagement the management presented a woman star. She was a pretty woman and an excellent and a popular actress; but she did not behave well to me. But she is dead, and therefore I will refrain from naming her.

She opened her engagement with Sheridan Knowles' play of The Hunchback, she, of course, playing Julia, and the management asked me, as a favor, to waive the clause in my contract, to which I have referred, and play Helen.

I consented. Late on the day of performance the star sent to me, in great distress of mind, to say that the trunk which contained her costumes for Julia could not be found: could I lend her some gowns?

I at once placed my entire wardrobe at her disposal. It was not a very munificent offer at that! Its limitations were soon reached, and I settled with myself that I would wear whatever she did not select.

At the last moment the trunk was found, and I was left free to wear my own gowns, which were all quite new and fresh, and very pretty.

Quite early in the performance it became unmistakably apparent that both my gowns and myself were very well liked by my audience.

As a consequence the star conceived a violent dislike for me, and proceeded to take prompt measures to make me feel it. The Hunchback was so well received that it would have run for quite a while, yet, despite the protests of the management and the wishes of the public, another play in the repertoire of the star was put into immediate rehearsal, and in this play, in which, by the terms of my contract, there was no justification for demanding my appearance, I was cast for an unimportant part, which part I promptly refused to play.

The lady insisted that I should play it. I was equally firm in refusing to do so.

Result: a formal note from the management, stating that a continued refusal to play the part assigned me would compel them to ask for my resignation.

Perhaps it is only fair to say here, in extenuation of this action on the part of the management—if it be any—that afterward they each individually told me that they had been forced into the position they had taken against me by the fixed determination of the star; she having threatened to bring her engagement with them to an abrupt and immediate close if I were not forced into submission.

But I have never been addicted to submission, so I chose resignation.

My resignation was promptly offered, and as promptly accepted.

The day of my departure arrived. I went to the treasurer's office to request payment of salary due me. I was offered a portion of my due; on my protesting, the treasurer, with perfect justice, told me that he was only obeying instructions.

My clear duty was to look for a settlement of my claim from the management. I did so. I found them on the stage, talking to two men whom I did not know.

They declined to reconsider in any way the position they had taken, or to make any more equitable arrangement.

Whereupon, with more impetuosity than courtesy, I told them that their action toward me indicated that their pecuniary condition must indeed be desperate, since, in order to replenish their treasury they found themselves forced to take possession of so small a sum as a portion of my salary, and therefore I begged them to accept the whole amount.

And putting the envelope containing the money on the "prompt" table, I marched off, leaving the managers embarrassed and the visiting men astonished, and returned to my hotel.

I had only been there a short time when I received two cards: "Mr. E. L. Davenport" and "Mr. J. W. Wallack." On going to the parlor to receive these distinguished men, neither of whom I had ever met, I found awaiting me the two whom I had astonished so short a time before on the stage of the Boston Theatre.

Their object in calling was to make me an offer to join them. They named a generous salary, one far in advance of that which I had contracted for at the Boston Theatre, but no details were discussed.

They only said, almost in so many words: "We are pleased with your work as an actress, we feel quite sure we will like you, we hope you will like us; we will do all in our power to advance your interests as an actress, and we will respect and protect you as a woman. Come to us."

I said, "I will;" and I did. That day on which I joined Davenport and Wallack was the best day's work I ever did for myself.

They more than redeemed all their promises. To say that they were good to me is to say too little; to try to express the friendship and affection that existed between us, is not possible; and this friendship grew and strengthened with the years, until it was snapped asunder by their deaths.

That they both treated me like a spoiled child there is no denying. They fostered my wilfulness by yielding to it; they acceded to my wishes, often to my whims, in business and out.

If one of them attempted to call me to account for some neglect of duty, which I have no doubt richly deserved rebuke, the other was sure to interfere and put a stop to the well-deserved scolding.

Scenes of this sort were by no means uncommon. Mr. Wallack would set out to take me to task for some flagrant neglect of duty. Mr. Davenport would step up and say: "There, there, Jim, don't fret the child. I'll talk to her." Or Mr. Davenport would make a like attempt, when Mr. Wallack, after listening for a moment in impatient silence, would break out something like this:

"Ned, can't you see that you are upsetting that child's nerves and breaking her spirit?"

So, between them, I was thoroughly spoiled. The result of their treatment of me was, that I loved them both dearly, and I worked hard, not nearly so much that I might win praise from press and public, as to please them.

To hear Davenport, after a scene, say, "Good girl!" or to have Wallack pat me tenderly on the shoulder and say, "She's head and shoulders over 'em all, now," was to my mind my highest reward.

And what a comfortable and jolly life mine was, with them.

But my first week, playing opposite parts to them, was a very hard-working one.

I opened with them at the Boston Theatre. Mrs. Wallack was with the company. She did not travel continuously with Mr. Wallack, but only joined him at such times as her services were required to play some important part.

At other times she stopped at home at their place at Long Branch.

The occasion of her being with her husband at this time was that they intended during the engagement to play Othello, and her presence was required for Amelia.

This was a very fortunate circumstance for me, as it afterward proved. Mrs. Wallack was a great actress. She had a strong, noble face, a fine physique and a stately carriage, and one of the loveliest voices I ever listened to.

In that first week the bill was changed nightly, during which time I studied six leading parts from night to night. This meant sitting up till three or four o'clock every morning, binding my head up in wet towels and drinking strong tea.

Wallack and Davenport knew nothing of this until the week's work was over, and then:—how they did scold me!

But I argued with myself, I had engaged with them to play their leading business. I ought to have been "up" in all these parts, and I was afraid, if I confessed that I was not, that I might lose the engagement. So, keeping my own counsel, and taking nobody into my confidence, I did the work. As a consequence, by Saturday night I was thoroughly exhausted, physically and mentally; and but for the kindness of Mrs. Wallack I would have gone to pieces.

The play was Othello. Mrs. Wallack said, early in the evening, that I was ill, and in all our scenes together she was most thoughtful for me and helpful to me. When I forgot my lines she prompted me, and when, as often happened, I was too dazed and brain-weary to "take the word," she covered up my shortcomings with her own rare work. In short, she "pulled me through."

But I fell with the curtain. When that came down upon the last scene Desdemona evinced no inclination to rise from the bed in which Othello had smothered her, and it began to look as if the Moor had really finished her.

ROSE EYTINGE.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Frank Losee, with John Drew, for Richard Carvel.

Sam and Dick Bernard, Nicholas Long, D. L. Don, Paul Nicholson, Virginia Earle, Idalene Cotton, Irene Bentley, and Anna Laughlin, for the new Casino production.

Lawrence J. White, for the Elroy Stock company.

Gaudry Brooks, for leads with John Arthur in Slayton's New York Stock company.

Cecil Kingstone and Sarah Madden, with Gertrude Coghlan.

Harry L. Barker, for A Young Wife.

Julia Ralph, with Walker Whiteside.

Charlotte Lambert, for the run of The Great Ruby at the American Theatre.

William Elmer, to play Pilgrim and Tim Craig in Sporting Life.

W. H. Clouman, for At the White Horse Tavern.

Edwin M. Brooks, for An American Gentleman.

Walter S. Fromlet, with Combs and Grady for The Man-o-War's Man.

T. Fiske Terry, for Whitney's Quo Vadis.

Ida Glenn, for the Girard Avenue Theatre Stock, Philadelphia.

Macey Harlam, for Miss Hobbs.

Margaret Diddin Pitt, with Liebler and Company.

Frank H. Crane, for Caught in the Web.

Addison Pitt, with Delcher and Hennessy.

Eleanor Franklin, to play leading business in Charles H. Clarke's production of Sardou's Fedora.

Maryland I. Tyson, for Shooting the Chutes.

For the Gaskett Stock company: Victor Lambert, Harry J. Thomas, Joe Kane, George Cox, Leon Wainwright, Charles Hendrickson, Harry W. Ranjo, James Francis, Cuba May Nibdo, Grace Hays, Ida A. Thomas, Lydia Kane, and May Corlette. The tour, covering the Middle West, will be under direction of W. T. Gaskett.

For Gus Hill's Through the Breakers: Joseph P. Keefe, Agnes Ardeck, Frank Base, Frances Justice, Joseph Saphore, Amelia Wellington, John H. Cosnar, Arthur Magill, Leon E. Brown, Harriett Saphore, Charles Stewart, Fanny Yantis, Daniel A. Kelly, Henry Hof, Sam M. Dawson, and George Price.

For Gus Hill's Royal Lilliputians: Major Mite, Major James D. Doyle, George Alexander, Cautna Sisters, Jennie Quigley, Casper White, Carl Weiss, Major Littlefinger, Pearl Robinson, and Colonel William Baker.

Mudge and Morton, re-engaged for The Katzenjammer Kids.

Frederick Guest, for A Ward of France.

Louise Muldener, for the Morris Stock company.

Nina Freeth, for That Man.

Mrs. Edwin Brandt, with Richard Mansfield.

Ernest Hastings, for leads with Blanche Walsh.

Elsa Marry, for the Grau-Savage Opera company.

Minnie and Jessie Sharp, for the American Opera company, at Bergen Beach, N. Y., this week.

Joe Williams, with Walker Whiteside.

John H. Waley, for A Million Dollars.

Helen Reimer, with Minnie Seligman.

William McGowan, as business manager for The Dairy Farm (Eastern).

Paul Terhune, re-engaged by William Owen for comedy roles, being his third season with this star.

Willis Marks, for the Alta Theatre Stock company, San Francisco.

For the Mack Fenton company: Isabel Fenton, Cricket Carr, Louise Carter, Mary Fenton, Ruby Leona, Jack Donovan, W. F. Kehman, Wilson Reynolds, Alfred Adams, George Lewis, Frank Verance, Howard Happer, and Tommy Brady; Wilbur Mack, proprietor and manager.

Edyth Gibbons, for Rosa in The Telephone Girl.

May E. McKay, with Mabel Paige.

REFLECTIONS.



Above is a portrait of Zenaide Williams, who, with her husband, Cecil Williams, and her sister, Anna Vialaire, recently returned from a visit to London and Paris. Miss Williams is a native of the South, but she speaks French with fluency, the result of her education from her father, a native of Paris. While in that city, during her visit to the Exposition, Miss Williams visited her father's apartment, which has since become a part of the Latin quarter. Miss Williams will be remembered as a debutante in the company of the late Augustin Daly some seasons ago, her engagement with Mr. Daly being the result of the interest of the late George W. Childs, of Philadelphia, whose protegee Miss Williams was. She continued as a member of Mr. Daly's company for two years, playing ingenue and juvenile parts, and then became a member of A. M. Palmer's company, remaining with that manager for a like term. While a member of Mr. Palmer's stock company and playing in Alabama she married Mr. Williams. Miss Williams has maintained the prestige of her earlier engagements, and will be remembered as the originator of the part of Amelia in Mrs. Fiske's production of Becky Sharp last season. She has not settled her plans for the coming season.

The Clayton Sisters, Josephine and Marie, late of the Hoyt forces, are with Eight Bells.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Dick Harrison, after a short vacation at Ocean City and a few weeks at Coney Island and in New York, left recently for Warren, Pa., to rejoin the Spooner Dramatic company.

The property formerly known as the Turner Opera House, at Ottumwa, Ia., has been leased. Two thousand five hundred dollars will be spent on improvements, and the house will be ready for occupancy on or about Dec. 1.

David Seymour has closed with the Hillman Stock company to join A Milk White Flag.

Rose Melville, who has been fishing out in Minnesota, has returned to New York to secure costumes for her production of the "new" Sis Hopkins, which has been revised by Carroll Fleming and Edward E. Rose.

Rehearsals of the Wolford-Sheridan company began last week in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence M. Brune, who, with Melbourne Macdonald, will star next season in Sardou's Theodora, left for Europe Aug. 11. Mrs. Brune will visit Paris to see the gowns now being made. The season will open late in October. During Mr. Brune's absence A. T. Seaman will attend to the business of the office, while Theodore Bromley will have the general management of Mr. Brune's attractions.

Sardou's La Tosca will tour Canada, Michigan, and the Northwest next season. A. T. Seaman, representative of Clarence M. Brune, is looking the route.

Sanford Dodge recently closed at Duluth, Minn., a successful season of forty-five weeks, playing Quo Vadis there for one week, it is said, to the greatest number of people that any one play has ever drawn in that city for the same length of time. He is now spending a few weeks at Minneapolis and Lake Minnetonka, visiting friends and practicing fencing. Mr. Dodge will present The Three Musketeers, Monte Cristo, Quo Vadis, Richard III., Othello, The Merchant of Venice, and other plays.

The Klark-Seville company closed a successful Winter and Summer season at Oswego, N. Y., on Aug. 11, and will rest two weeks before opening the regular season. A few members will visit their respective homes, but Messrs. Klark and Seville and families, together with Wayne Campbell and W. E. Cornell, will divide their time between New York and Atlantic City.

William Richards, supported by the Richards Stock company, will tour the States during the coming season. Mr. Richards has had a season of twelve weeks in the provinces. The repertoire will include Faust, The Musketeers, Hamlet, The Marble Heart, Don Cesar De Buzan, Richelieu, and Quo Vadis.

Irene Chamberlain has returned from a visit to the Paris Exposition.

The Amicilia Amateur Band, composed of fifty skilled musicians, gave a complimentary concert to the Crescent Athletic Club, of Brooklyn, on July 25. The programme consisted of ten numbers, ranging from a selection from Les Huguenots to "Auld Lang Syne." There were a number of invited guests present, among whom were Mrs. Nell Warner, Albe Warner, Leonore Lockwood, and Celia Abster.

Edith Yerrington, the prima donna, who made a pronounced success as Jack in Jack and the Beanshank last season, has been engaged by W. W. Elliston for The Burgomaster, opening on Aug. 27 in Chicago.

Juliette Fierish has been engaged by W. E. Nantville to play Lippy in his Eastern Human Hearts company, which goes out under the management of Charles H. Haystead. Mr. Haystead is a valuable lieutenant, being both competent and courteous.

Flores Redledge, a member of the An American Beauty company which played London, returned on the New York Aug. 4. Miss Redledge will return to London next June to fulfill engagements which run far into the following season.

Charles Harris was removed to the Insane Asylum of Bellevue Hospital, this city, last Wednesday. He served in the Cuban war and contracted in camp at Montank (then a fever) that left him a physical wreck.

William McDonald, a bassist of the Bostonians, was reported to be suffering with arthritis at his California home, and the day papers immediately proclaimed the blindness of W. H. MacDonald, of Barnabas and McDonald, leading spirits of the Bostonians. William McDonald and W. H. MacDonald happened to be the same, and even the man who was blind was seriously affected.

Dunne and O'Connell, who are now in San Francisco, presented a splendidly staged watch on Aug. 4 to Miss Edith Williams, daughter of Sherrie Mathews.

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Your Robert Taber, engaged by Beerbol Tree to play Cassius in Julius Caesar, has just declined an extended offer from Tree, because he reckons to go into management as soon. I think you may take it from me that Sir Henry Irving will abandon his project reviving the miserable Manfred. My tip to you that Arthur Bouchier would anon produce at the Garrick a new play by J. M. Barrie, has just been officially verified. John Farrington, so long the loyal London representative of poor Augustin Daly, has, with Citizen Canby, just arranged to take Terry's Theatre in order to produce thereat some American novelties. Seymour Hicks is engaged in writing plays with Henry Hamilton and Fred Latham, Hicks and his wife, the fair Isoline Terriss, are rehearsing for Self

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the Glockers, and Bertie Fowler. The staff under Mr. Albee will be the same as last season: Mr. Lee, general manager; H. L. Dittchen, press agent; George Hardy, business manager; J. H. Bilgic, treasurer; Frank Westgate, ticket agent; and Vincent, superintendent.—Westminster (Globe): Rathbeller, manager: The season will open 20 days before the Fence Barbecues. Improvements have been made in the grounds, and the manager has secured a number of the best organizations. Horace Rathbeller, treasurer the coming season.—Some of the bookends at Keith's include McIntyre and Horace Mark Sullivan, Dorothy Norville, Willie Family, Horace Alexander, Heindl, Kathryn Osterman, Digha Lee, Harry Golden, Ray and Retha Jones, Florine Jones and Mrs. Arthur Sidman, John C. Elmer and Edna, Charles Dickson and John C. W. C. Fields, Clyde Rausche, Lesa Franzetta, Clarice Vance, Brothers Dan and Powers Brothers.—Forest Casino, Rocky Point (R. A. Harrington, manager): Large audiences will be attracted by the well-known comedienne, Jeannette Lilford, Florida Nevada, Farmington, Her McIntosh, Three Rinas Youngs and Brooks, E. Van Buren, Bonnie and Corbin, and La Moran.

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RICHMOND, VA.—Casino (Jake Wells, manager). The bill week 19 is bright and attracts the large audiences. Co. includes Dettorelli Brothers, Bennett and Young, Belle Hathaway and her company, Lonnelle, Miles and Raymond, and others. Prof. G. Currie Munson made his vaudeville debut scored a hit. He has sung for Richmond audiences before, but the reception being rendered this week makes him put forth his best efforts.

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CHICAGO.

George Ade's New Play for Mathews and Bulger—Openings and Announcements.

(Special to The Mirror.)

Chicago, Aug. 20.

Manager Jacob Litt fired the first gun of the Fall campaign here last Saturday night by opening the season at McVicker's with "Way Down East," originally produced in this city. A large audience welcomed Phoebe Davies, Charles R. Welles, Ned Hoff, Ella Hugh Wood, Odell Williams, and the other favorites of the cast, and things look well for the projected run of the New England play. It is Manager Litt's purpose during the season to make productions of Cecil Raleigh's melodrama, "The Queen of Society," at McVicker's, also Seymour Hick's new melodrama, besides the dramatization of Caleb West and Castle Inn, of Henry Hamilton finishes the latter in time.

Herbert Cripps, one of the best of the producing stage-managers, for many years with De Wolf Hopper, passed through here the other day, en route from San Francisco to New York City. He had been on the Coast for twelve weeks with Dunne and Ryley, during which time he staged ten plays, principally Hoyt farces-comedies, many of which he had never seen. His best work was the staging of a new farce-comedy, "The Night of the Fourth," which Mathews and Bulger will use all season. It was written for the comedians by George Ade, of the Chicago Record, author of "Artie," "Doc Horne," and "Fables in Slang," and although his contract stipulated that he should not be known as the author, the fact leaked out. Mr. Cripps, who ought to know, says it made a big hit on its trial, after but five rehearsals, and he has gone to New York to order special scenery built for it and sent to St. Paul, where the season opens in the early Fall. Mr. Ade has the best wishes of every one except a few Chicago newspaper men who cannot write as well as he can, and who have already begun to criticize his play at a distance of 2,000 miles. "But," says George, "I do not care who writes the plays of a nation if I can draw the royalties."

Rusco and Holland's Minstrels had a very good week up at the Grand Northern, and were followed yesterday by A Stranger in a Strange Land, in which Beatrice Norman has the leading role. Hoyt's farce, A Day and a Night, is underlined for G. A. R. week.

The regular season at Powers' Theatre will begin on Aug. 27 with Daniel Frohman's stock company in The Maneuvres of Jane, new to Chicago. It will run for two weeks. During the engagement the company will present two other plays new here—Wheels Within Wheels and The Ambassador.

This is the tenth successful week of The Burgomaster at the Dearborn. It will close there on Sept. 8, and the stock of the house, which will be here for rehearsals this week, will open shortly afterwards in An American Citizen. James E. Wilson will be the leading man this season.

When up in Oconowoc last week I saw a performance of Quo Vadis with seven people. They played the piece without a shortstop or a right felder. As the scenery carried was too large for the stage, they were obliged to use the local scenery. Nero and Ursus doubled, and the wolfskins and whiskers of Ursus had a lively time. The wolfskins were used to cover Nero's throne in one of the acts, and when the stage-manager happened to think that Ursus appeared at the end of the act he had to sneak the skins off. It was a great performance. Regards to Ted Lyons; Elmer Grandin please write.

The old Lyric will be reopened as Hurtig and Seamon's Music Hall on Sept. 1, under Weber and Fields. An effort is to be made to have Mayor Harrison deliver an address on the occasion of the opening. Pilar Morin is to head the burlesque company.

At the Wellington one day last week I met Edna Wallace Hopper, on her way from her mother's home in California to the gay metropolis. She is one of the daintiest of stage divas, and she never looked better.

Pauline Hall heads the bill on the Masonic Temple roof this week, and The Girl With the Auburn Hair is announced for an early appearance. Little Marshall Wilder made a big hit up there last week in his monologue. After the performance one evening he took a long ride with me on a grip car, and when I handed the conductor a dime he gave me back two cents. Marshall can ride for half fare. He rests here this week and plays the Chicago Opera House next week.

Francis Leon, the minstrel female impersonator, who laid the foundation of his large fortune here years ago as a member of the minstrel firm of Kelly and Leon, has leased the old hoodooed Steinway Hall property, back of the Victoria Hotel, and will remodel it and open it as a burlesque opera and old time minstrel house about Oct. 1, with Frank Cushman, Fred Malcolm, and Leon in the company, under the Kelly and Leon trade-mark. Hugh Coyle is at present promoting the scheme, but will go out later ahead of Charlie Yale's new German star, Al H. Wilson.

The Still Alarm was followed by The Sporting Duchess at Hopkins' yesterday, where Trola remains in the vaudeville section for another week.

Up at the Alhambra yesterday The Woman in Black was followed by Con T. Murphy's new Irish drama, The Gamekeeper, with Smith O'Brien, a clever singing comedian, in the lead. The World will follow next Sunday.

Pain's people will take advantage of Grand Army week and give the spectacle of the battle of Santiago on the new lake front ground, east of the Van Buren Street viaduct, next Saturday. During next week the new Coliseum will be dedicated by war songs, and there will be many other doings by the comrades.

We shall have several great bills here next week, by the way, among them Bill McKinley, Bill Bryan, and Bill Cody. The latter, heralded by the impressive Major Burke, of the Irish Fusiliers, will open with his Wild West next Sunday for a week.

For Her Sake is the bill this week over at the Bijou, and the regular season of the Academy of Music is announced to open Sept. 1, under management of Macoy and Simpson, with the Waifs of New York, Katie Emmett being in the lead.

George Ade brought me a copy of the Newton County Enterprise from his old home in Kentland, Ind., last week and marked the following for a place in the souvenir album annex: "Mr. and Mrs. Tuggle, of Morocco spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Bluford Light." Eddie Girard, who made a big hit last week with Jessie Gardner in The Southside and the

Cop on the Masonic Temple roof, went out to the Harlem race track one afternoon and saw a horse called "Natural Gas," at odds as good as 30 to 1. For "Auld Lang Syne" Edward played it "across the board," and, as it ran second, he took home \$300.

The labor troubles at the Illinois Theatre have been satisfactorily adjusted, and the house will be opened early in October.

The shirt waist man may be all right in this weather, but Buffalo Bill's Indians have him beaten for comfort. "Biff" Hall.

BOSTON.

Music Hall Remodeled—Reopening Dates—Personal Paragraphs.

(Special to The Mirror.)

Boston, Aug. 20.

One of the most interesting features of the week was the disclosure of the manner in which the old Music Hall has been rejuvenated for its transformation into a place of permanent amusement. Everything has been turned around. The platform which stood at the south end has been removed to the north, and the old canvas screens have been replaced by asbestos curtains. The narrow balconies have been replaced by two iron ones. The first one rises to the height of the old second one, and over this a new one has been instituted. Two elevators have been installed, so as to give easy access to this part of the house. The main floor was formerly as plain as that of a barn, but now it has been elevated to give a perfect view from all points. The fittings are especially rich and the mirrors in the lobbies, the heavy carpeting, the carved fountains, the brilliant illumination, and all the other accessories will make the old Music Hall in its new career one of the most popular resorts in Boston. It will be opened for the season on Labor Day.

There hardly could have been a more popular attraction for the opening of the new season at the Bowdoin Square-to-day than Tennessee's Partner, for this charming drama had been given here before with conspicuous success, and the company engaged in the production is quite the best yet. The welcome was unquestioned, and large audiences to-day were indications of a successful week. The Limited Mail will follow.

Richard Golden's return to Old Jed Prouty was the event at the Grand Opera House to-night. Rural plays may come and rural plays may go, but there is something about the old tavern keeper from Bucksport that appeals to me, and I enjoy seeing Mr. Golden in it again and again. Long may he and Jed continue was the unanimous wish of a large audience to-night. Reaping the Whirlwind will follow.

The Castle Square Stock scored a success to-night, for the manner with which The Late Mr. Castello was given would compare well with its original presentation here. To two players was most of the credit due, Maude Odell and Franklin Ritchie. Miss Odell's skill as a comedienne was brought into play, and the delicious manner in which she carried the leading scenes was thoroughly artistic. Mr. Ritchie, too, was at his best and made a keen partner for her. He had already become a favorite at the Castle Square through his work in The Man from Mexico. Leonora Bradley had a hearty welcome upon her return from her vacation.

Pinafore at the Chutes Lake still continues to do good business when the weather is propitious. There has been some talk of carrying the entire production to other resorts, but as a Labor Day matinee has been announced, it is very evident that Pinafore will play out the Summer at the Chutes. Meantime Blanche West will have to wait until the lake is drained before she recovers the valuable diamond ring which she dropped overboard during a dance.

Nugget Neil is the play of this week at the Grand. It will be followed by The Wheel of Fortune and the Gold King, all given by the stock of the house.

The houses now closed will open as follows: Aug. 27, Tremont, with The Dairy Farm, and Museum with Roland Reed in A Modern Crusoe; Aug. 30, Boston, with Woman and Wine; Sept. 1, Park, with Neil Burgess in The County Fair. The date of opening the Columbia is not announced, but it will probably be within three weeks. The Hollis is being reconstructed in the auditorium, and will not open before the middle of October.

E. B. Jack, Roland Reed's manager, has reached Boston, looking sunburned and hearty after a Summer vacation at Onset. He tells me that Mr. Reed is perfectly restored to health, as I knew he would be when I saw the way the Boston papers put his obituary in type last winter. There's no better cure possible than that. Rehearsals of A Modern Crusoe have been carried on in New York by William Seymour, and the company will come on Aug. 24 to hold final ones here. Sydney Rosenfeld, the author, will be in town for the production.

Quite a bit of repainting and decorating is being done inside the Tremont to get it ready for the opening.

Ida Conquest, the clever Boston actress, who has been promoted to be leading lady for John Drew, left for New York last week to begin rehearsals of Richard Carvel.

Marie Wainwright, who has been abroad all the Summer, is to spend the last part of her vacation at Nahant with her husband and two daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Schoeffel (Agnes Booth) have been spending a part of the Summer in New Hampshire, and while in the White Mountains Mrs. Schoeffel distinguished herself by climbing a mountain away from which most women were frightened by the steep ascent.

Maude Odell is entertaining her friend, Grace Reals, for a few days.

William Otis Johnson, of Chelsea, has dramatized Marie Corelli's novel, "Wormwood."

A Fool of Fortune is in rehearsal at the Castle Square for the last offering of the Summer season.

George W. Magee, manager of the Grand Opera House, has just added a decided novelty to his house by engaging two prepossessing young women to serve in the box-office. Their first week was one of distinct success, and notwithstanding the great crowds flocking to Two Little Vagrants, for it played to \$1,000 more in a week than last year, notwithstanding the intense heat, they had no trouble in managing the lines. I shall look for a mass meeting of the Free and Independent Order of Box-Office Men, to protest against the encroachments of the fair sex. The thought of seeing such Adonises as Joseph Wagner, Tom Lathan, Vincent Fetherston, Al Steele, and Saul Hamblurg replaced by girls at the box-office windows is too terrible to consider.

Dr. and Mrs. George W. Purdy (Fanny

Rice) passed through Boston last week on their way to New York. They have been Summering at the Weirs, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Clancy (Julia Arthur) are planning to take a long Western journey, and so it would appear that she really has no intention of returning to the stage immediately.

Mabel Dixey, who has been playing with success in the Eric Hope-May Robson company at Newport this Summer, has been in town on her way to Siasconset, Nantucket, to visit her friend, Mrs. E. G. Sutherland.

The stage children at the Dorothea Dix House, in this city, are making a tour of the Summer resorts near here to raise funds for the Summer work of taking the children into the country. The Summer cottage of the House had been at Falmouth until this season, when a cottage at Montwail has been temporarily occupied until a fund sufficiently large can be raised to secure a building at Falmouth. The entertainment which they give includes A Pair of Lunatics and a Mother Goose comedy, and among the little entertainers are Anita Thomas, Holly Bickford, May Greene, Blanche Rose, Anita Sylvia, and Doris Bramson.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mackay have returned from Europe, and have been on a visit to Mr. Mackay's father, F. F. Mackay, in New York. The matinee girls have been saving their money all Summer so as to deluge Mr. Mackay with roses when he reappears in the Castle Square.

John Craig will remain at Revere Beach until cold weather comes, and then he will make his residence on West End Avenue.

The little son of Clarke Love, musical director at the Grand Opera House, performed last week the remarkable feat of directing the orchestra for an entire performance of Two Little Vagrants, and did not miss one of the sixty-five music cues. He is a protégé of Mildred Holland, who was here throughout the entire engagement. JAY BENTON.

PHILADELPHIA.

Season Soon to Open—New Theatre to Be Built—Cape May Notes.

(Special to The Mirror.)

Philadelphia, Aug. 20.

The places of amusement that opened last week all did very satisfactory business in spite of the oppressive weather. Within the next two weeks the season will be fully inaugurated.

Gilmore's Auditorium has an excellent attraction this week in Charles H. Yale's The Evil Eye. The company includes George W. Kerr, Gus Bruno, Borani and Elliott, Mayme Mayo, Lora Leib, Dolly Delroy, Julia Grey, the Phaeze troupe, Lillian Herndon, and a large female chorus and ballet. There have been many important changes made in the mechanical and electric effects, and the staging far surpasses the production of last season. A Female Drummer follows Aug. 27.

Forepaugh's Theatre, with Carrie Radcliffe in the title-role of Zara, a play made famous by Lotta, assisted by John J. Farrell and the stock company, offers an attractive programme to the patrons of this house. Aug. 27, The Span of Life, with the Donazetta Brothers in the bridge scene.

The National Theatre inaugurated the season Aug. 18 with The Bowery After Dark. The special drawing attractions are the pugilist Terry McGovern and Charles White, the well-known referee. Agnes Herndon, Jessie Barnett, Grace Leonard, Louise Dempsey, Harry Waters and William J. Shea impersonate the various characters. Business large. A Ward of France, Aug. 27; Coon Hollow, Sept. 3.

Hashim's Grand Opera House will open its season of fashionable vaudeville with a matinee Sept. 1. The Park Theatre, under same management, now receiving many modern improvements, will not be able to open until Oct. 1, when Langdon Mitchell's Adventures of Francois, with Henry E. Dixey, Marion Lea and immense cast, will receive its initial performance.

Openings to follow are: Star Theatre, under the management of Dunn and Waldron, Aug. 25, with Phil Sheridan's New City Sports Burlesque company; People's Theatre, Aug. 25, with Caught in the Web; Girard Avenue Theatre, Sept. 1, with Dramatic stock in weekly change of plays; Dime Museum, Charles A. Bradenburgh, manager, Sept. 1, weekly change of vaudeville features; Chestnut Street Theatre, Sept. 3, Rogers Brothers in Central Park; Kensington Theatre, Sept. 3, with T. W. Dinkin's Vagabonds; Standard Theatre, Sept. 8, under new management of Samuel H. Speck and Frederick Dancy, for a season of modern melodramas and comedies; Dumont's Minstrels open Sept. 1.

The season of the open-air resorts will close with Labor Day, Sept. 3. Attractions unchanged.

A new theatre at the northeast corner of Eighth and Vine streets, already mentioned in The Mirror, is now an assured fact. Jeremiah G. Donoghue, the owner of the ground, is now perfecting plans for the erection of a theatre to cost \$250,000, which will include a spacious roof-garden. The new building will be 120 feet deep with a frontage of 85 feet on Vine Street. Work on the building will be commenced in the Fall. The theatre will be devoted to vaudeville. Several Philadelphians are interested in this new enterprise with Mr. Donoghue.

Keith's Theatre, with fifteen leading features, continues to hold its usual large clientele. Kathryn Osterman and company appear in The Kickapoo. The others are Reno and Richards, Clarice Vance, Tony Farrell and wife in An American Duke, Bobby Gaylor, Shattuck and Bernard, Payne Brothers in illustrated songs and sand pictures, Haines and Pettingill, Ben Homey Trio, Morton and Elliott, Ely and Harvey, Joyce and Phipps, Wilson and Leicester, and the biograph. Aug. 27, Arthur Sidman's farewell engagement in this city in vaudeville.

Cape May Notes: The Columbia Opera company closed its season at this resort Aug. 18, and inaugurated their Southern tour this evening at Lynchburg, Va., where they are booked for one week—Sewell's Point Pavilion remains open another week with vaudeville attractions. S. FERNBERGER.

ST. LOUIS.

Dixey as Adonis Again—Theatres Reopening—Notes of Interest.

(Special to The Mirror.)

St. Louis, Aug. 20.

Haslin's opened for the season Sunday afternoon. This house has been much improved since last season and has the appearance of a new theatre, as it has been painted, decorated

ON A TOUR WITH AN AUTOMOBILE.



MR. AND MRS. HAL KING.

Hal King, manager of A Ragtime Reception, and Mrs. King are making a pleasure trip from their home in Rome, N. Y., to this city in their automobile, stopping at all the principal points along the line, and will arrive here in time for rehearsals, which commence this week. The above picture is from a photograph taken at their first stop, Utica. The automobile is one of the finest ever turned out by the Winton Motor Carriage Company, of Cleveland, O., which holds the record in the recent run from New York to Philadelphia. Mr. King will open his season at Rome on Aug. 30, and will introduce the automobile in the first act of A Ragtime Reception. It he finds it practical, he will carry it on the road, introducing it as a special feature in the play and using it for advertising purposes.

and refurbished throughout. Manager Garen's opening attraction is The Hottest Coon in Dixie, which seems to be a very appropriate name at the present time, and if this weather continues during the week there will be some very warm people in St. Louis, even outside the theatre. Among the entertainers in this bill are Rob A. Kelley, Billy Cole, Will H. Proctor, Eddie Harris, Fred T. Carey, Norris Smith, William Grundy, Charles Ross, Neale G. Hawkins, Bessie Hamilton, Maud Grundy, Clara Belle Carey and Mollie Sullivan. The business staff of Haslin's this season is as follows: William Garen, manager; John G. Sheehy, treasurer; John Fleming, assistant treasurer; William Counihan, advertising agent. Next week, We 'Uns of Tennessee.

The Standard also opened for the season yesterday. Manager Butler has had the exterior and interior of his theatre painted throughout, and new furnishings and decorations make the house appear attractive, and it will no doubt continue to be the gold mine this season that it has been in the past. The opening attraction is Irwin's Big Show with the following olio entertainers: Mildred Stoller, Fitzgibbon, McCoy and Fitzgibbon, the Clarions, Bernard and Watson, and the Eight Cornallias. Next Sunday, The Majestic Burlesquers.

Excelsior, Jr., did well at the Delmar Garden last week. The weather being hot, great crowds were at the garden every night. The burlesque went well. Ruth White made a stunning Excelsior. Will Sloan was capital in his impersonations. Ethel Jackson was seen for the first time at the Delmar in a role other than a French one, and she made good. Alexander Clark, Sherman Wade, Ed. Begley, W. E. Browning and Lila Blow helped to make the bill one of the best offerings of the season. The feature of this week's attraction is the appearance of Henry E. Dixey in Adonis. Others in the cast: Talamea, Ruth White; Artea, Ethel Jackson; Duchess of Area, Nera Rosa; Marquise De Bacarat, Alexander Clark; Rosetta, Ed. Begley; Bunion Turkle, Will H. Sloan; Lady Pattie, Lila Blow; Lady Mattie, Lillian Cooley; Lady Hattie, Amy Ashmore; Lady Nattie, Daisy Thompson; Sergeant Timmons, Revell English; Miss Doolittle, Daisy Thompson; Blind Man, Ed. Borgelt; Mr. Skinner, Joseph Schultz; Ungbo, Sherman Wade; Tungbo, Ed. Begley; Bungbo, W. E. Browning; Shungbo, Joseph Frohoff. The Lady Slavey is underlined.

The Spencer Opera company gave a splendid production of Faust last week at Uhrig's Cave. Mrs. Van Studdiford's Marguerite was a very creditable performance, considering her limited experience in work of that character. W. W. Hinshaw as Mephistopheles gave one of the best interpretations of this part ever seen in St. Louis. It is to be hoped that Mr. Savage will send this fine young baritone to us for the coming season at Music Hall. This is the farewell week at the Cave, and a triple bill is offered, The Rose of Auvergne, with Gertrude Lodge, Martin Pache and W. W. Hinshaw in the cast; Charity Begins at Home, with Grace Van Studdiford, Gertrude Lodge, William Steiger, Martin Pache and W. W. Hinshaw, and the third act of Martha, in which Grace Van Studdiford, Gertrude Lodge, Martin Pache and W. W. Hinshaw appear. None of the chorus appear this week.

Forest Park Highlands did its usual big business last week. The Mortons, who have been seen here often, were the feature of the bill. They were enthusiastically received at every performance. Colonel Hopkins is offering the following bill this week: Papinta, Moliere Sisters, Josephine Gassman, Newsboys' Quintette, Howard's ponies, Rudolf and Carola, the Mortons, and Frank and Lillian Smith.

The Suburban's bill was not over strong last week, and business was not quite up to the standard. The Suburban got off this season with a running start and had everything its own way for several weeks, but when the other gardens opened it had quite an effect on Mr. Jannopolio's business, although the season was to be a winner for him. This week's bill: The Nawns, Charles Wayne, Platt and Sutherland, Al. Blanchard Quartet, Fred Warren, Danie Sisters, and the Van Aukens.

Manager James Donovan, of Manion's Park, informs me that last week's business was the best of the season. He is much pleased with the outlook and expects to keep open until October. The bill this week: Richie and Richie, Fannie Donovan, Merrill and Earle, Fannie Miller, Tony and Flo Vernon, and O'Brien and Riley, the bill concluding with Mr. Donovan's one-act comedy, Irish Justice, by the entire company.

Manager Freeman did not find Mr. Hager's new comedy, A Business Transaction, to be a

very good drawing card last week at Koerner's Garden. This week he is putting on Camille, cast as follows: Armand Duval, Maurice Freeman; George Duval, J. E. Sorroghian; Count de Varville, Arthur Garrels; Gustave, Earle Miller; Gaston Bieux, Charles Forbes; St. Gaudens, Alfred Britton; Doctor, George Conger; Marguerite Gautier, Nadine Winston; Nanine, Florence Hamilton; Olympe, Florence Leslie; Prudence, Anna Marie Schaefer; Nichette, Caroline Morrison. Next week, Captain Rackett.

J. J. Liberman, press agent at Uhrig's Cave, and Emily Gardner, who was specially engaged to play Seibel in Faust on Sunday night, have gone to New York to join A Trip to Chinatown. Alex. Spencer, who has been the musical director at Uhrig's Cave this season, has gone to New York to join the same company.

Ed. Chapman, Nina Chapman and Adine Bouvier, who have been members of the Delmar Stock company all season, closed their engagements on Saturday evening and left for New York.

The St. Louis Exposition opens this year on Sept. 17 and closes on Oct. 20. The Veiled Prophets' parade and ball will take place on Oct. 2.

ATLANTIC CITY.

Business Booming at the Various Amusement Houses After a Bad Beginning.

(Special to The Mirror.)

ATLANTIC CITY, Aug. 20.

The season is now at its height, and every one is doing a good business. It had promised at first to be an off year here, but has turned out to be one of the best.

At the Academy of Music Manager Joseph Fralinger's policy of playing first-class attractions for a week instead of opera, as in former seasons, has proved successful. W. A. Brady's Sappho company, headed by Alberta Gallatin, concluded a highly profitable engagement yesterday. The company deserved the big patronage it received. "Way Down East" comes for this week.

Mam'selle 'Awkins goes tunelessly on its way at the Auditorium Pier Theatre, and is doing a splendid business. Olive Wallace, who replaced Josephine Hall, and Martin O'Neil, who fitted into George Boniface's place, both caught the public's fancy immediately.

The Empire Music Hall is now managed by Felix Reich, vice R. J. Kirke, who resigned to resume his former position in advance of "Way Down East." Business is much improved. The bill for the current week includes James and Bonnie Thornton, Hayes and Lytton, Caron and Herbert, Lily Western, the Miranda Sisters, Norman and Rich, the Glenroy Brothers, and the dancing Dawson.

Manager Norman Jeffries, of Young's Ocean Pier Theatre, bids for patronage with a good vaudeville bill, comprising Lillian Burkhart and company (second week), McIntyre and Heath (second week), Montgomery and Stone, Frank Bush, Wills and Collins, Burden, Doll and Burden, and the cinematograph. Business is large.

At the New Steel Pier Manager W. S. Maguire has as new features the Zed Zetoes and Leavitt and Novello. Business is immense, both at the vaudeville and the Innes concerts in the Music Hall.

At the Gypsy Camp Manager Frank Hubin has brought his two road shows in and consolidated them. Business is highly gratifying. Ad Carlisle's Summer circus is also getting a good share of patronage, as is also Bostock's Zoo and Doyle's and Governor's pavilions downtown, where vaudeville is the feature.

It is said the Empire will be opened as a Winter house, playing combinations.

A game of baseball will be played on Friday between the newspaper correspondents and the male members of the Mam'selle 'Awkins company in aid of the hospital. Mayor P. P. Stoy will umpire the game, and Alfred Aarons will keep score.

GEORGE W. BLOODGOOD.

WASHINGTON.

Promised Openings—New Plays to be Tried—Improvements in Theatres.

(Special to The Mirror.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.

Manager W. H. Rapley, of the New National Theatre, announces the opening of the season with The Belle of New York on Sept. 10, to be followed by Mam'selle 'Awkins, Sept. 17, and on Sept. 24 Viola Allen will make the first production of her new play, In the Palace of the King. In the meantime the exterior of the house is taking on a new dress of cream white, the lobby is receiving new decoration, and the auditorium is being brightened with new carpets and draperies.

The Columbia Theatre renews operations on Sept. 10 with an attraction not at present named. During the earlier part of the season at this house three new productions are scheduled—A Gentleman from Texas, by Gus Thomas, with Maclyn Arbuckle; Her Majesty, by J. I. C. Clarke, with Grace George; and Foxy Quiller, with Jerome Sykes. Many structural improvements at this house contemplated during the Summer must go over for a season, the plans not being in accordance with the new building regulations.

The Lafayette Square's opening is not announced, and nothing is in the air regarding the Winter stock, under direction of William Morris and management of Fred. G. Berger, which had been promised.

BALTIMORE.

Bills of the Week in the Monumental City—Parks Prospering.

(Special to The Mirror.)

BALTIMORE, Aug. 20.

A Ward of France is the attraction at the Holiday Street Theatre this week. The play is presented by a competent company, among whom are Maurice Drew, Paul Scott, Walter Wilson, George Rareside, Frederick Guest, Delancy Barclay, George Murphy, J. W. Rose, Affie Warner, Maude Atkinson, Edith Ward, Maude Rogers and Alice Scott.

T. W. Dinkin's Vagabonds hold the stage of the Monumental Theatre and present a burlesque and vaudeville bill. Among those who appear are Lillian Washburn, Flo Jansen, the Mignani Family, Topack and Steele, the Three Nudos, and Barrett and Larned.

Fanny Warren, the female baritone, is the attraction at the Pabst Garden. Herr Holstein continues for another week. His violin solos have proved attractive.

Warner's Maryland State Band and the

vitagraph are drawing cards at River View Park.

A vaudeville bill is offered at Kernan's Hollywood Park. It includes Dot Davenport, May Howard, Ramsey, the Rooney children, Billy Watson and Louis Pistol.

Fisher's orchestra continues popular at Electric Park.

Tunis F. Dean is resting for a few days at Atlantic City.

M. A. Kennedy is spending some time with his brother and sister, who reside here.

HAROLD RUTLEDGE.

CINCINNATI.

Attractions at Summer's End—Bills of Re-opening Theatres.

(Special to The Mirror.)

CINCINNATI, Aug. 20.

This week the Chester Park Opera company is giving an excellent production of Mignon with the principal roles sung by Clara Lane, Mary Carrington, Viola Gillette, Rosemarie Campbell, J. K. Murray, William G. Stewart, Payne Clark, Richard Jones, Herman Haynes, and Alfred Juhre. The Vaudeville Theatre has the Foster and Williams company in You're Late, What Kept You? and Scott and De Foe, the McMahons, Haynes and Montgomery, Henri Gaston, and Stewart and North.

The Ludlow Lagoon is presenting an excellent bill this week, composed of the young America Quintette, Wilson Family, Bartelli Trio, Nora Bayes, and Ozay and Delmo.

Coney Island is now on its last week and offers as the closing attraction of an unusually prosperous season the Merediths, Addie Pavart, Ashton Brothers, and the Greysons.

At the Zoo concert last Friday night, R. M. Brand made a hit with his saxophone solos. As the Summer wanes the crowds increase with each concert.

Next Sunday Heuck's will open with Rusco and Holland's Minstrels.

The Lyceum reopened for the season yesterday afternoon with the melodrama, Over the Sea. Matinees will be given daily at this house.

Admiral Foster has given up box-office work at Chester Park, and has resumed his old position at the Lyceum. Manager Gosling is again in the business at Chester Park.

WILLIAM SAMPSON.

MASS OVER EDWARD S. MARBLE.

Before the remains of the late Edward S. Marble were laid to rest in Baltimore, last week, they were conveyed from Brooklyn to Philadelphia, where, at St. Stephen's Church, solemn high mass was celebrated over the body of the dead player by the Rev. Father William A. McLaughlin. The celebrant was assisted by Father James P. Holden, of Baltimore, and Fathers Strahan, O'Neil and Kane, of Philadelphia. A full choir, including William Welsh, Mrs. C. Welsh, and E. Melsheimer, organist, rendered the noble music of the ceremony with splendid effect. As the service had not been publicly announced there were but a few persons in the church, these being the immediate relatives of Mr. Marble, a few Sisters from the convent, and Charles J. Fyffe, of the Edwin Forrest home.

Father McLaughlin, well known and beloved by many players, spoke feelingly of the dead actor, whom he had known for many years, and paid a high tribute to Mr. Marble and to the profession of which he was a representative.

VIOLA ALLEN'S SUPPORTING CAST.

The complete cast of the new play, In the Palace of the King, in which Viola Allen will star this season, opening in Washington next month, will be as follows: Philip II, Charles Kent; Don John of Austria, Robert T. Haines; Cardinal Luis de Torres, Edgar L. Davenport; Antonio Perez, C. Leslie Allen; Miguel de Antona, William Norris; Captain de Mendoza, Clarence Handyside; Don Lope Zapata, John A. Holland; Don Manuel, Frank Gheen; Don Jamie, Eugene Sweetland; Don Giovanni, J. P. Jordan; Master of Ceremonies, Gustav Frankel; Anne, Queen of Spain, Catherine Curtis; Ana de la Gerda, Marcia Van Dresser; Duchess of Alva, Sue Van Duser; Duchess of Medina Sidonia, Blanche Moulton; Comtesse de Baume, Jessie Bradford; Dona Mencía, Isabelle Parker; Dona Inez de Mendoza, Gertrude Norman; Dona Maria Dolores de Mendoza, Viola Allen.

JOSEPH HAWORTH'S COMPANY.

The opening date of Joseph Haworth's tour in Grace Livingstone Furniss' new romantic play, Robert of Sicily, has not been announced. The company already engaged includes William Humphreys, Alexander Kearney, Herbert H. Pattee, John V. Dailey, Charles R. Bowers, Franklin Hall, William Lavine, Mabel Amber, Miriam Nesbitt, Colia Alsberg and Bessie Humphrey. Mr. Haworth is now resting at his country seat, Willoughby, O., visiting relatives and preparing for his tour, which will be under management of Alfred E. Aarons.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Jane Tarr, for the Harcourt Comedy company, now rehearsing in Boston. Miss Tarr spent the Summer at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Queenie Davis and Vera Wilson, with Gus Hill for McFadden's Row of Flats.

Nat M. Wills and Josie Sadler, for A Million Dollars.

Harry Hyde, with Minnie Seligman for juvenile leads.

Walter Hawley, John Ward, W. E. Butterfield, and May Howard, with Flo Irwin in Miss Kidder.

Maurice Journet, for the Maurice Grau Opera company.

Estella Dale, re-engaged by Jacob Litt for the lead in Shenandoah.

James J. Boyd, to play the Major and manage the stage with Sporting Life. Mr. Boyd has just returned from Oceanic, N. J., where he has been spending the Summer.

William Mandeville, for A Million Dollars.

Carter Weaver, with Charles Dickson.

George A. Holt, re-engaged with Walker White-side.

Flora Fairchild, with Daniel Sully for The Parish Priest.

George A. Blumenthal, with William A. Brady as manager of the Eastern "Way Down East" company.

Herbert O'Connor, as Marcus Vinicius in Aiden Benedict's Quo Vadis, touring the West.

Robert M. Edwards, for A Bell Boy (Eastern).

Margaret Moffatt, with Ernest and Fred Shipman.

Harry Morton, for A Hindoo Hindoo.

THE STOCK COMPANIES.

Hands Across the Sea was produced by the McCullum Stock company to a large business at McCullum's Theatre, Cape Cottage Park, near Portland, Me., last week. It was pronounced by the press to be the best production of the season. Maude Edna Hall made her first appearance with the company in the part of Lillian Melford and won a pronounced success. Robert Wayne gave an admirable portrayal of Jack Dudley. Thomas Reynolds was very successful in the role of Tom Bassett. Lorie Eddinger's Lucy Nettlefold was excellent. Stephen Wright scored another success as Jean de Lussac, and Lynn Pratt was effective as Robert Stillwood. One of the pleasing hits was scored by Louis Morrison as Dick Melford. True S. James was capable as John Stillwood. This week Manager McCullum offers an elaborate production of Othello, with Stephen Wright as the Moor.

Upon the closing of the season of the Peak's Island Stock company Aug. 18 William Stewart, the light comedian of the co., was engaged by Bartley McCullum for his company at Cape Cottage, Me., and opened yesterday as Cassio in Othello.

This is the last week but one of the stock season at the Davidson Theatre, Milwaukee, Wis. Pinero's comedy, Dandy Dick, is this week's bill; cast as follows: The Dean of St. Marvell's, Aubrey Boucicault; Sir Tristram Mardon, De Witt Jennings; Major Tarver, Leighton Leigh; Lieutenant Darbey, Townsend Walsh; Blare, Bart W. Wallace; Noah Topping, John Daly Murphy; Hatcham, Randolph Curry; Georgiana Tidman, Selene Johnson; Salome, Freda Gallick; Sheba, Lydia Dickson; Hannah Topping, Louise Ripley. Mr. Boucicault is directing the piece. He takes a benefit on the last night of the stock season, Sept. 1.

The Criterion Stock company closed its season at the Star Theatre, Buffalo, Aug. 11, before a capacity audience. At the end of the performance the company received fourteen curtain calls, and each individual member was called upon for a speech. They all responded, and finally Manager Maguire was called before the curtain, and in a neat speech expressed his thanks on behalf of his company and himself for the generous patronage they had received. Nearly all the company returned to New York. Laura Nelson Hall went at once to her cottage at Ocean City. Sylvester Maguire and George Friend are recuperating at Atlantic City. Mr. Friend has almost entirely recovered from his broken leg.

The theatre in the Turnverein Building, Buffalo, has been rebuilt during the Summer, and renamed the Niagara Theatre. Next week the house will open with a stock company, among the members of which will be Nellie Elting, Dollie De Vyne, Dollie Thornton, George Mitchell, Byron Summers, E. N. Thayer, Walter Robinson, and Jason L. Miner.

The Lee Stock company closed its Summer season at the Park Theatre, Owensboro, Ky., Aug. 15, with Ingomar. Though Owensboro never before had a Summer stock company, the venture proved a great success, and will be resumed next Summer. The members of the company left Aug. 16 for their respective engagements. William N. Webb went to New York, Daisy Lee Whipple to Louisville, Willa Four to New York, and Manager E. Lawrence Lee to Bridgeport, Conn., to rehearse the Eastern Human Hearts company.

Franklin Ritchie, who was specially engaged for the production of The Man from Mexico by the Castle Square Stock company, Boston, week of Aug. 6, made such a pronounced success that he was re-engaged, and last week appeared as Captain Trefusis in The Late Mr. Costello. Mr. Ritchie was praised highly by the press for his artistic portrayal of Warden Lovell in The Man from Mexico.

Everett King has been engaged for leading business with the Valentine Stock company, Toronto.

Thomas B. Findlay has been engaged for the Baldwin-Melville Stock company at the Grand Opera House, New Orleans.

Asa Lee Willard has closed a successful Summer engagement as leading juvenile with the Manhattan Beach Stock company, Denver. He will spend a few weeks at his home in Seattle, Wash., before returning to New York.

Helen Mac Gregor, Edwin Dudley, and Louise Muldener have been engaged for the Morisco Stock company.

Orlin Kyle has signed with the Brinker Stock company, of Newark, N. J.

R. L. Giffen, who recently closed the Summer season of his stock company at Richmond, Va., arrived in town last week and almost immediately made an agreement with J. H. Haylin, the new proprietor of the Imperial Theatre, St. Louis, to put in a stock company at that playhouse for the Winter. Although Mr. Giffen is the youngest American manager, he has the distinction of being the founder of the modern system of stock companies. The new St. Louis company will be the eighteenth that he has organized and managed. All but one of his former enterprises have been successful. Mr. Giffen plans to open the season at the Imperial Theatre on Sept. 23, with the production of either The Great Ruby or An American Citizen.

A Suit of Sable was produced for the first time on any stage by the Alazar Stock company, San Francisco, on Aug. 13. The play is by Charlotte Thompson, a California writer of some repute. This is her first really long play, her other efforts being curtain-raisers. From the plaudits of the first-night audience the play has evidently made a hit. Miss Thompson was called before the curtain, and in a neat speech thanked the audience, company, and all concerned for their generous treatment of her work. White Wittlesey, Edwin T. Emery, George P. Webster, Marie Howe, Stella Rosata, and Florence Roberts made substantial hits. Setting and properties were excellent, and the performance passed off very smoothly for a first-night. With a little pruning this play will be a bright and catchy comedy of manners.

GOSSIP OF THE TOWN.



Edith Hinkle, whose likeness appears above, has just returned from a long pleasure trip in Europe, to begin rehearsals with Harry Corson Clarke in What Did Tomkins Do. Miss Hinkle is prominent in Kansas City society, and in amateur performances there has won considerable reputation as an actress.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Eriksen Bushnell, at Madison, Conn., on Aug. 13.

The Arnold Opera company, after a successful Summer season at Memphis, Tenn., will open at the Broadway Theatre, Denver, Col., on Aug. 26.

Katherine Robe recently received a beautiful silver loving cup from the patrons of the Empire Theatre, Providence, and a diamond bracelet from Managers Spitz and Nathanson in token of their appreciation of her work there this Summer.

Flora Fairchild, a sister of Julia Arthur, has been engaged by Manager Willis E. Boyer to play an important role with Daniel Sully in The Parish Priest.

Preparations for the opening on Sept. 1 of the new stock company at the American Theatre are being put forward energetically. The lobbies of the theatre are being frescoed in crimson and gold, with the ceilings in blue and gold, and an entirely new system of electric lights is being introduced. The management has secured all of the scenic and mechanical effects used in the Daily production of The Great Ruby, and has purchased four handsome cabs to draw the drag used in the play. The Great Ruby will run for two weeks, but the later productions will be put on for one week only.

Charles Bartling returned last Tuesday from Racquet River, in the Adirondacks, where he spent the Summer, to rehearse with At Piney Ridge, of which he will be stage-manager.

Frank E. McNish, Jr., son of the veteran minstrel, is seriously ill at St. James, L. I.

D. V. Arthur returned yesterday (Monday) from Grand Rapids, Mich., where he visited his parents.

The London Savoy Theatre company now here to present The Rose of Persia at Daly's Theatre on Sept. 6 includes John Le Hay, Charles Anglo, S. Bracey, F. Clayton, Walter Hyde, John Doran, Arthur Barry, Ruth Vincent, Hettie Lund, Isabel Dillon, Hattie Stephens, Amy Martin, Della Cunningham, and Blanche La Tour.

Adolf Philipp has leased the Germania Theatre and will reopen it on Sept. 15 with his own play, Secrets of New York.

Eric Hope and May Robson's Summer company played The Open Gate and A Pantomime Rehearsal at the Newport, R. I., Casino on Aug. 14.

Edward Harrigan has presented to Blondell and Fennessy two diamond studded match boxes in remembrance of the pleasant hours spent at their exchange during the past Summer.

Horace Ewing has secured control of the Grove Street Theatre, San Francisco, as representative of the Western Amusement Company. He has had it redecorated and renamed The Alta, and will place in it a first-class stock company. He is negotiating with New York actors and will make elaborate scenic productions.

Louis Leon Hall has closed a ten weeks' engagement with the stock in Providence, R. I., at the Empire Theatre with Katherine Robe. He has been engaged for leads for the coming season with Miss Robe. Franklin Hall has signed for the heavies.

Margaret Diddin Pitt, who has been away for the Summer, returned to the city last week.

Mrs. Charles H. Haystead (Josephine Mills) is still ill at Los Vegas, N. M. Her physicians have decided to perform another operation in the hope of saving her life.

W. T. Stephen and Minnie Oscar have returned to America, after an absence of seven years. They express themselves as being delighted with the English and Irish peoples.

A genuine Rhode Island clambake, served by Archie Stalker, with vaudeville on the side, was given at the La Grange-Columbia Hotel, Arverne-by-the-Sea, N. Y., on Saturday.

Lyster Sanford, late stage director of the Salisbury Stock company, Milwaukee, has returned to New York.

Carlton Wells arrived from Europe last Thursday.

Joseph C. Brill was in town last week engaging people for a midsummer night festival to be given at Allentown, Pa., Aug. 25, 26. Among those signed are Arthur Seton, Mlle. Vittl, and Ruth Dennis. Mr. Brill and Joseph Fitzpatrick will manage an operatic concert company this season.

Rehearsals of Cupid Outwits Adam, to open at the Bijou Theatre Sept. 10, were begun at that house on Tuesday under direction of Walter Craven. Stella Kenney has been engaged for the part which Louise Galloway has been obliged to relinquish on account of illness.

George W. Allen, of Allen and Delmala, has entered into partnership with John W. Flatow and William Maruz to produce the farce-comedy My Husband's Brother next season. The company will number twenty-two people. Mr. Allen will continue this season with A Black Sheep as Hot Stuff, the part he played last season.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS:

Monday, Sept. 3, Labor Day, being a legal holiday, it will be necessary for THE MIRROR to go to press earlier than usual on the number to bear date of Sept. 8 and to be published on Tuesday, Sept. 4. Correspondents are therefore requested to forward their letters for that number at least twenty-four hours earlier than usual.

BROWNING.

THE proposed production of two of Browning's plays by Mrs. LE MOYNE has inspired a résumé of productions of Browning by some writer who has ignored perhaps the most interesting Browning production ever made. That writer deals with the representation of *Stratford* at the Covent Garden Theatre, London, in 1837, in which *Macready* and *Heleen Faucit* appeared; with the representation of *Colombe's Birthday* by Miss *Faucit* in 1852; with several amateur efforts in other Browning pieces, and with the English production of *A Blot in the 'Scutcheon* at Covent Garden in 1843 and its revival at *Sadler's Wells* in 1848.

Strangely enough, all note of a great American production of *A Blot in the 'Scutcheon*, unquestionably Browning's greatest play, by *Lawrence Barrett* at Washington in 1885, is omitted. There is reason to believe that Barrett's production was in some respects the most satisfying that this great tragedy ever had.

In the volume of Browning's dramas edited by the Shakespearean scholar, *William J. Rolfe*, and *Heloise E. Hersey*, much matter of interest is set forth. Browning's eight dramas were written within eight years, between 1837 and 1845. His first drama, *Stratford*, was written at the request of *Macready*. Prefaced to *Luria*, published with *A Soul's Tragedy* in 1845, was this to *Walter Savage Landor*: "I dedicate this last attempt for the present at dramatic poetry to a great dramatic poet." And this in fact was Browning's last dramatic work. It is believed that the complications incident to the staging of his plays and controversies with managers and actors were chiefly influential in Browning's abandonment of the drama, although his failure of full stage success undoubtedly had something to do with his turning from the theatre. As Professor *Rolfe* says, "All these may have had their share in the result, but no one can read these plays in chronological order without feeling that there was an inward as well as an outward reason for the change. The work grows less and less dramatic, and ap-

proaches more and more the form which Browning has made so entirely his own—the dramatic monologue."

A Blot in the 'Scutcheon was the fifth of Browning's plays, and was published in 1843. It not only is Browning's greatest play, but it is one of the greatest tragedies ever written. *Lawrence Barrett* called it "The greatest of dramas." Upon reading it, Barrett determined to produce it. In a letter to Professor *Rolfe* he said:

With this idea I awaited my approaching visit to London in the hope that I might meet the poet and persuade him to make certain slight alterations, or permit me to stage it in the modern way. I found him as eager for the glory of the theatre as when he produced his *Stratford*, forty years before; and while he was unable, as he said, to go over the text extensively to meet the stage requirements, he would gladly consent to its presentation with the ordinary changes which the stage-manager makes in such matters. I had gained only a part of my purpose, but I determined to make the best of such license as he gave me, and the result was that with a few verbal alterations and a slight cutting of the text the play was given in Washington before a most distinguished audience with remarkable effect, and it has since taken its place in my repertoire with the other great plays of kindred dramatists.

Another notable representation of *A Blot in the 'Scutcheon* was that of the English Browning Society, which is referred to in the "Introduction to the Study of Browning" by *Symonds*, who makes instance of Barrett's production as one that proved its acting capacities and its power to hold and thrill an audience.

THE GREAT UNACTED.

THE quantity of good paper and ink wasted annually in America in the making of poor plays has reached alarming proportions. In about every city, town and hamlet of the country there are stored away dramas, tragedies and farces that never have been acted and never will be acted. They have been written by persons of all ages and ranks, hawked about from one manager to another, and great hopes have been built upon them; until at length after many returns—not pecuniary—they have been laid away to await the time that their authors imagine will be the golden age of the drama.

The idea of this vast army of makers of unacted plays would be humorous were it not pathetic. It requires no little effort, no small enthusiasm, to write a play, however poor it may be. There is no art work that demands greater rack of the brain, the heart and the sympathies than play making. An earnest dramatist, either professional or amateur, puts his very soul into his work; and as the hopes of success are always great, so, in case of failure, is the disappointment great. And the disappointed playwright is the most pessimistic playgoer that lives. Many a good natured man has been changed into a churl by writing a single play.

The lamentable feature of the matter is that this widespread craze for play making in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred is absolutely useless, hopeless and to a degree pernicious. It would appear that not more than one tyro play maker in a hundred takes the trouble to learn the rudiments of the craft before attempting to practice it publicly. The first play ever written in America was *The Prince of Parthian*, a tragedy, by *Thomas Godfrey, Jr.*, who at the time of writing it was about twenty-six years old, a poet by trade, with no knowledge whatsoever of stage craft. *The Prince of Parthian* was never acted. Sixty years ago *Rufus Wilmot Griswold* wrote of it that it was doubtless the first and certainly the worst play written in this country. But since that time other play makers have arisen to take from Mr. Godfrey the latter claim for distinction. Bad as the *Prince of Parthian* was, there have been many far worse dramas written in the past ten years.

An example of this hopeless, useless, pitiful school of play composition came to THE MIRROR last week. It would be unkind to give the name of the play or the name of the author. A few statistics about the drama will suffice to show how utterly worthless it is as a dramatic composition. It is a tragedy in six acts with no less than fifteen scenes, and the entire play covers but twenty-three pages, printed in fair sized type. The scenery required for its proper mounting would cost as much as that of the most elaborate Shakespearean production ever made in this city, and the piece could not be made to play more than one hour. There are thirteen characters in the cast, and at least one hundred extra men and women would be necessary to produce the suggested effects.

Hopeless as are the technical qualities of the composition, it is far worse from a literary point of view. The action covers a period of thirty years. The scenes are laid in ancient Greece. Among the characters are several kings, a queen, and three Grecian soldiers who bear the names *Jox*, *Johx*, and *Jack*. The maid servant in the palace

of one of the kings bears the name of *Manv*, and she, as do all of the other minor characters, speaks in the manner of the present day. The story is quite as bad as the style in which it is set forth.

The author of this pitiful work has gone to the expense of publishing it in pamphlet form, and hopes to get it produced in New York in the near future. Never by any possible chance will it be seen upon the stage. It is as worthless as a picture painted by a man who had never learned the rudiments of his art, or as a pair of shoes made by one absolutely ignorant of the cobbler's trade. As a rule men do not attempt to paint pictures or make shoes without learning how. But in the matter of play making the general opinion seems to be that a parcel of paper, a pen, and a vague idea of a plot are all that is required. And year by year the vast heap of unacted plays increases in its proportions—a dismal monument over buried hopes and wasted hours.

THE SWEET BY AND BY.

New York Tribune, Aug. 15.

The felicity of *Artemus Ward* as a humorist was his perfectly serious aspect when making a comic deliverance. The excellent comedian, Mr. John Hare, seems to have furnished a shining example of that same felicity, in his remarkable speech at the annual dinner of the Royal Theatrical Fund, in London. Mr. Hare's drift was the oblongation of a man named *Smith*, who, in the House of Commons, had actually ventured to object to "immoral plays." *Smith*, it appears, dislikes bacon—or even Shakespeare—when rancid, and he is so densely illiberal that, if he takes Mrs. *Smith* and the little *Smiths* to the play, he does not want them to see a stage exhibition of Mrs. *Potiphar's* celebrated interview with Mr. *Joseph*, or even an illustration of the dilemma of Miss *Anonyma*, when her twenty-first paramour protests against her old score. Mr. Hare showed deep emotion; that is to say, he kept a straight face; and he played the presumptuous *Smith* without mercy, for his bigoted antagonism to "the proper expression of Art." The *Smiths*, he declared, have always taken "limited views"—preferring early vegetables and disliking bad smells. One *Smith*, indeed, whom he remembered—an official *Smith*—had the amazing and intolerable stupidity to ostracize that fragrant and fascinating picture about the Parthian courtesan, "*Camille*"—a play, said the shocked and impassioned Mr. Hare, which is "one of the most brilliant, instructive and moral comedies of our time." Other *Smiths*, he was satisfied, would interdict the salacious "*Mrs. Tanqueray*," that most caloric of generous "housekeepers"—matrimonially chosen because she had lived successfully with most of her husband's male cronies—the "advanced" "*Mrs. Ebb-smith*," that valiant apostle of Free Love, the Shakespearean delicacy of "*Measure for Measure*," so various and so felicitous with hole-and-corner assignments, and even that other salutary concoction of the sainted National Bard, "*Pericles, Prince of Tyre*," with its charming picture of life in a brothel; and any *Smith* who would do that would be quite capable of laying sacrilegious hands on "*The Gay Lord Quex*"—which would amount to a suppression, not to say an utter extinction, of English dramatic literature.

Mr. Hare has often shown himself to be a superb comedian; his style, on this occasion, must have been that of consummate humor. But beneath his humor there must have been a potent exhilaration of audacity and a prodigious charm of candor. Other champions of the Frightful Example—that is to say, the Nasty Drama—have extolled its "humanity," its "sympathy," its "virility," its "originality," and, above all, its "popularity," as evinced by the gross receipts. The intrepid Mr. Hare did not hesitate to proclaim its Virtue! This, at last, is the right note. The *Smiths* have all been mistaken. The great need of the public is a perfectly clear elucidation of "love" and tuberculosis. By all means let us have the demi-monde of Paris and the Tenderloin of New York, in all our theatres! What could be more "brilliant" than the second gluttony of *Madame Prudence*, when guzzling champagne out of a celery glass or a punchbowl! What more "instructive" than the interior of a gambling hell and the society of blacklegs and demopols! What more "moral" than disappointed "love," sucking a cough mixture and expiring in a white muslin chemise! There have been times when the votaries of the theatre sought that shrine with some expectation of being refreshed by its pictures and cheered by its influence, but those were old foggy times, and they are thought of no more. "These," as forcibly remarked by Mrs. *Cora Urquhart Potter*, when laying down her Pill-caddy and taking up her Scuttle, "are not the Dark Ages;" and people who go to the theatre nowadays expect the amplest information—especially as to matters that even the beasts of the field protect by a decent reserve. Let us have light! Nobody, at present, knows anything. Nobody recalls the Ten Commandments. Nobody reads the Book of Proverbs. Nobody remembers the Sermon on the Mount. Nobody is acquainted with the teachings of the New Testament. Everybody, accordingly, is hungry and thirsty for "moral lessons;" and where else shall that divine hunger and thirst be assuaged, if not within the sacred precincts of the theatre? Where, particularly, shall the female bosom find moral nourishment, unless from some copious and vociferous English blonde, whom Nature intended to be a bar maid but whom Fate—and Vanity—have made an "actress?" What could be more propitious for the future of lovely woman, as daughter or wife or mother, than a long succession of *Tanquerays* and *Saphos*? Mr. Hare is right. "If the *Smiths* were to prevail," said that bold orator, "the Drama would never be in its present healthy and flourishing condition." Most assuredly not. But let him be comforted. It is Jerusalem that reigns. It is the Charles Frohman Syndicate, and not the *Smith* faction, that rules our stage. It is the Department Store system that now prevails in our theatres; and "*Hamlet*" can be bought at one counter, and "*The Girl from Maxim's*" at another, and cash is running all over the shop. Mr. Hare's benevolent desire to revive *Flelding* and *Smollett* and *Swift*, to make our girls acquainted with *Tom Jones* and to delight our boys with the *Houyhnhnms*, may perhaps be disappointed; but, surely, he need not be anxious as to the American fortunes of "*The Gay Lord Quex*." Charles Frohman has already come ashore with a bushel of personal pronouns in one bag and "*The Husbands of Leontine*" in another, and *Olga Netherole* is coming back with *Sapho*, and the venerable *Bernhardt* will soon be on hand with the *Magdalen*. There is no *Smith* in America. *Lord Quex* will have plain sailing and a rapturous welcome, and "*Lessons*" will be as thick as blackberries all over the land. Never was there such a good lookout as now for the public morals. The only danger is that our women, who, notwithstanding their many angelic attributes, are, after all, somewhat desultory, may grow a little weary of stage tuition. Even gospel truth becomes monotonous with iteration, and the chief moral "*lesson*" is not altogether a marvel. It was long ago crystallized by old *Verdun*, when he told the touching story of *Miss Baden* and the perfidious *Count Cassell*, and with this solid chunk of wisdom came sweetly to a close:

"Then ye who now lead single lives
From this sad tale beware—
And do not act as you were wives,
Before you really air."

WILLIAM WINTER.

BROADWAY.

(A. D. 2000.)

This is the famous way where tread the men
Who entertained the world so long ago;
Where foul greed elbow'd Art into the street,
And dragged it thro' the gutters to the grave;
Where lechery with greed went hand in hand,
And honor hid its face for very shame;
Where high endeavor vainly strove to live;
Where virtue sold itself for soul and place;
Where modest worth, with shy, averted eyes,
Passed noiselessly along, with only dreams
And treacherous hope for unsubstantial friends,
While brazen mediocrity and crime
Went up and down with Oriental airs,
And calculating eyes, and sneering lips,
Which curled in new born scorn about their fangs,
As worth and honor, innocence and pride,
Before them moved, and hoped 'gainst hope to win,
In spite of scorn and fangs, a little space
Within the vast theatre of the world.

Come, let us sit beside that fountain there,
Beneath that blossoming hawthorn, and converse
About this old road and the death of art.

'Twas here it died, you say? But, then, methinks,
That art, like nature, is a deathless thing?
And yet 'tis dead these five and eighty years?
How sad! how very sad. What killed it? Greed?
Shameless greed and lechery and crimes
Against the church, the home, and God, and man.
But the criminals in hades howl and howl,
And will howl there until the last lone star
In yonder blue burns into viewless dust.
They had their day, and it was dark and long
For art and art's dear children. They did build
A house that fell upon them; forged a sword
Which had to their surprise a double edge,
And they were crushed and cut by their own work.
But they killed art before they died to hell.

Oh, yes; the road's now beautiful, because—
Because sweet, royal nature makes it so,
And it is never touched by greedy crime.
Where we sit now a tavern one time stood:
Along this noiseless way the roar of trade
Went booming from one morning to the next,
And all the sides were thick with monstrous piles
Of brick and mortar, granite, wood and steel,
Where now we see but groves and trees and flowers,
And hear the thrush and nightingales send songs
From mellow throats far up to mellow skies.

Let's journey up the island; we may see
A man or woman ere we reach its end.

What is this battered, tattered, worn out thing—
This sexless ape that chuckles at itself,
When all the groans it ever caused are still?
Its gaping shoes show twisted, sockless feet;
Its hair sprouts thro' the roof of its old hat
Like grass in Autumn thro' a bill of dirt;
Its hands are knobby tragedies; its eyes
Glare from their sunken sockets, like twin coals
Left 'mid the ashes of a miser's stove;
And as it shuffles by with mumbling words,
And yellow claws extended for our alms,
We think of what it was when it killed art.
And answered to the hail of Greed! Greed! Greed!
JOHN ERNEST MCCANN.

Aug. 15, 1900.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

[No replies by mail. No attention paid to anonymous, impertinent or irrelevant queries. No private addresses furnished. Letters addressed to members of the profession in care of THE MIRROR will be forwarded.]

CONSTANT READER, Toronto: Eugene W. Presbrey may be addressed in care of THE MIRROR.

Mrs. E. M. J. Joplin, Mo.: Letters to players addressed in care of THE MIRROR will be advertised.

E. R. B. Philadelphia: Harley Merry, Franklin Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., can give information about the Alliance of Scenic Painters of America.

R. C. S. St. Paul, Minn.: Sarah Truax is a Chicago girl. She joined Otis Skinner's company in 1893 and played leads with him for two or three seasons. Since then she has been playing leading roles in various stock companies.

L. E. N. New York: 1. Publication of "*The Gallery of Players*" has been discontinued, we believe. 2. One of Our Girls, by Bronson Howard, was produced at the Lyceum Theatre, New York city, on Nov. 10, 1885, with this cast: Dr. Girodet, Louis James; M. Fonblanque, George F. De Vere; Captain John Gregory, E. H. Sothorn; Comte Florian de Crebillon, F. F. Mackay; Henri St. Hilaire, Vincent Sternrodd; Le Duc de Fouché-Fonblanque, J. W. Pigott; Andre, Fritz Williams; Pierre, William Payson; Madame Fonblanque, Ida Vernon; Julie, Enid Leslie; Kate Shipley, Helen Dauvray.

F. L. Omaha: 1. Henry Arthur Jones was born in Wales in 1851, and George Bernard Shaw in Dublin in 1856. They reside in England. Franklin Fyles was born near Troy, N. Y., in 1848. 2. Madame Helena Modjeska presented *Magda* at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, New York city, on Jan. 29, 1894, with this cast: *Magda*, Madame Modjeska; Marie, Maud Durbin; Mrs. Schubert, Anna Proctor; Francis Von Wendel, Mrs. Hannah Sargent; Theresa, Pamela Keith; Dr. Weber, Howard Kyle; Councillor Guy Keller, R. Payton Carter; Max Von Wendel, Guy Lindsay; General Count Von Klebs, Wadsworth Harris; Professor Beckman, R. N. S. Morris; Major Schubert, Otis Skinner.

F. L. Omaha: 1. Rosina Vokes presented My Miller's Bill and A Christmas Fantomine Rehearsal (afterward called A Fantomine Rehearsal) at the Standard Theatre, New York city, on Dec. 21, 1885, with these casts: My Miller's bill—Jack Merridew, Brandon Thomas; Mrs. Merridew, Rosina Vokes. A Christmas Fantomine Rehearsal—Jack Deedes, W. G. Elliott; Tomkins, J. Rolfe; Lord Arthur Somerset, Weedon Grossmith; Sir Charles Grandison, W. R. Staveley; Captain Tom Robinson, Brandon Thomas; Lady Rosa Traice, Miss Carlingford; Miss Violet, Leslie Chester; Miss May, Agnes Miller; Miss Lily, Rosina Vokes. 2. Lotta first played *Pawn Ticket 210* at McVicker's Theatre, Chicago, on Sept. 12, 1887, with this cast: *Mag. Lotta*, Uncle Harris, John Lawson; John Sternhold, Charles L. Harris; Montague Flash, George C. Boniface, Jr.; Czarov Faxe, Cyril Scott; Osiah Gregg, J. W. Hague; Postman, F. Waldo Parker; Ruth, Augusta Raymond; Alice Sternhold, Lillian Richardson; Aunt Dorothy, Ernestine Floyd. 3. Madame Jananusch presented Paul Kester's dramatization of "*Guy Mannering*" with herself as *Mag.* at the Lafayette Square Opera House, Washington, on Oct. 21, 1899.

G. H. Mohrarty, Brooklyn: Lillian Russell made her debut at Tony Pastor's Theatre, 585 and 587 Broadway, in 1890. She appeared at Mr. Pastor's theatre in Fourteenth Street, in 1881 and 1882. 2. Mrs. John Hovey made her first appearance on the stage at the Museum, Baltimore, in 1839, as *Eliza*, in *Nature and Philosophy*. 3. Tony Pastor, in 1873, in order to induce ladies to attend matinee performances at his theatre, instituted the custom of giving presents. Up to that time the variety theatres had been for men only, though Mr. Pastor had, occasionally, had "ladies' nights" at his theatre. At one of the matinees he gave away twenty-five silk dresses, at another fifteen sewing machines, and during the season he varied the presents from silk dresses to barrels of flour. In 1882 Mr. Pastor gave the first "doll matinee," upon which occasion nine hundred dressed dolls were given away. During the panic of 1872 Mr. Pastor gave performances in aid of the poor of the Tenth Ward, and raised considerable money, with which he purchased provisions. These supplies were distributed by the police captain of the precinct from a store in Chrystie Street, near Rivington. It was a splendid charitable work on the part of Mr. Pastor.

THE USHER.



A New Yorker who has just returned from a stay of several months in Paris tells me that that city is not an altogether agreeable place of sojourn for English-speaking people at the present time. Anglophobia is rampant, and no opportunity is lost to insult and deride anybody who is taken to be English.

This New Yorker's experience was unique. He occupied an apartment in a quiet quarter. When his wife went for a walk she was saluted with cries of "Sale Anglaise!" along her route. Servants refused to work for them because the couple were believed to be English. Men sang ribald songs outside their windows. Small boys chalked abusive epithets on their front door. Finally they adopted the expedient when they walked abroad of carrying copies of the New York Herald conspicuously in their hands in order to proclaim their American origin!

A few months of that sort of thing caused the New Yorker to pack up his belongings and come back to his own city, which, despite its noise and heat and dirt, he prefers to the annoyances of being mistaken for an Englishman in Paris.

A daily newspaper says: "Paul Potter has a theory that the success of a play is so much a matter of luck and dependent to such an extent on the vagaries of public taste, that an author may turn out three a year with as much chance of success as if he devoted himself exclusively to writing only one."

The paper that prints this information is notoriously unreliable, and it may be that the alleged theory is not Mr. Potter's, or anybody's. Luck is a small factor in dramatic success, although opportunity—which is a different thing—often opens the way to it.

The slap-dash method of playwriting has never met with sustained prosperity, although hasty work occasionally proves an exception to the rule. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, however, it is only ability and hard, conscientious labor that tell.

Mr. Potter often turns out a play in a short space of time, but that is when he helps himself liberally to the work of other playwrights, as in the case of *The Conquerors* and *Sheridan*; or, *The Maid of Bath*. The shears and paste-pot unquestionably shorten the time usually required to work out a play, but what is the result?

Managers of theatres in various parts of the country who are graciously permitted (for a considerable consideration) by the self-constituted plunder committee to do a little theatrical business on their own account, are now announcing their bookings for next season, with a flourish.

The lists are long and miscellaneous, generally including besides half a dozen prominent stars a formidable array of "number twos" and a still larger catalogue of "possible" or "conditional" bookings.

This is all very well, but the experiences of the past two or three years have taught what an uncertain gap there is between the annual promise and the annual fulfillment thereof.

Outside the plans of the plunderers for their own personal plunderings and those of a few attractions that are essential to their purposes, everything is more or less subject to change and interference. The boasted solidity and commercial regularity of present methods is a delusion and a snare—a blind for the stupid and a trap for the unwary.

It may be predicted with certainty that during the season of 1900-01 the slaves of the Ring will suffer precisely the same evils and misfortunes that fell to their lot last season.

There is a report that Sarah Bernhardt is soon to receive the red ribbon of the Legion of Honor. This will be an exceptional honor, and if it is given to the actress in recognition of her achievements as an actress it will be an unprecedented honor.

Very few actors have been made knights of the Legion of Honor, and none has been selected ostensibly because of note in his occupation. Coquelin and Mounet-Sully were decorated as teachers in the Conservatoire, not as actors. The honor was bestowed upon Marie Laurent in recognition of her services in founding an orphanage for the children of actors.

A few years ago at Sarah's jubilee in Paris she was crowned publicly as the Queen of the Stage. But that was merely a fantastical proceeding, having no official sanction and possibly suggested by the adroit actress herself. The red ribbon is another matter, and Sarah will prize it, if she gets it, above all other honors.

There is a play on the subject of Herod that

was written a few years ago by a celebrated German poet and dramatist. The work was in two parts and each one required an entire evening in the performance.

The King of the Jews—the rather hazardous title of the play Richard Mansfield is to produce the coming season—deals with Herod also, and from whispers I have heard it would seem that Stephen Phillips, its author, has worked along lines similar to those followed by the German play.

Herod offers great temptations to the dramatist. His character is admirably treated by Sudermann in *Johannes*, although it is subordinate to that of the Baptist.

Melodramas dealing with Chinese matters promise to be plentiful the coming season. One called *The Yellow Terror* is already underlined in London, two have been announced on this side, while several more of the same sort are in process of construction.

Marriage is a noble institution, but is there not too much marrying and divorcing and marrying again in certain circles of the theatrical profession?

If marriage means anything does it not mean the intent, at least, of permanence? The light and airy manner in which the wedded state is assumed and abandoned by some is calculated to bring the stage into greater disrepute among thinking people than even would flagrant disregard for the restraints upon immorality imposed by society.

Undoubtedly divorce is a godsend to ill-used or ill-mated men and women, but an easy-going contempt for the obligations of matrimony and repeated experiments upon its seas, combined with repeated shipwrecks, are calculated to injure the institution itself, as well as the adventurers themselves.

Great numbers of actors and actresses follow normal customs in this respect, but the extraordinary frequency with which some seek the altar and the court in rotation verges upon indecency.

DEATH OF JAMES W. BANKSON.

James W. Bankson, a young actor of distinguished promise, lately a member of the Baldwin-Melville Stock company at Her Majesty's Theatre, Montreal, died in that city on Aug. 15 of typhoid fever. He was the husband of Lotta Linthicum, who was, up to the time of his death, the leading woman of the stock company. Through the three weeks of Mr. Bankson's illness he was cared for devotedly by his wife, who left his bedside only to attend to her professional duties in the theatre.

The strain under which Miss Linthicum labored was appreciated by the members of the company, and at the last performance of *Madame Sans-Gene* a huge basket of flowers was passed over the footlights to her, upon which was a ribbon inscribed: "To Lotta Linthicum, from a few of her friends and Jim's." With best wishes.—Arthur Elliot, Percy Moore, Albert Brown, Harold Mordant, Henry McCrude, Ginnie Socola, Thomas Findley, "Pop" Hawkins and Percy Cromwell. It was an evidence of the sympathy of her fellow-players that Miss Linthicum keenly appreciated.

Mr. Bankson, who was but twenty-two years old, had already reached a position of importance in the theatrical world. He was born in Louisville, Ky., and made his debut as a baby at the old Aquarium—on the site of the present Herald Square Theatre, in this city—in Uncle Tom's Cabin. Afterward he played *Tim the Waif*, in *The Lights of London*, with Ida Van Cortlandt in repertoire, with James A. Herne in *Shore Acres*, and with Mrs. Bernard Beere. While still in his teens he starred in *The Private Secretary*, appeared in *A Secret Enemy*, and played with Bartley McCullum's Summer Stock company. At the beginning of the season of 1898-99 he joined the late Charles Coghlan's company and played *Montmorency* in *The Royal Box*. Later in the same season he joined the stock company at the West End Theatre, Pittsburgh for light comedy roles. He followed this with other important stock engagements and for a time appeared in vaudeville.

During the Summer season just ending Mr. Bankson was a prominent member of the company at Her Majesty's Theatre, Montreal, where by his artistic performances he won considerable popularity. He appeared as Maurice Deepwater in *The Prodigal Daughter*, as Deschelets in *Sapho*, as Pretonius in *Quo Vadis*, as Jacques in *The Two Orphans*, as De Guiche in *Cyrano de Bergerac*, as John Glyndon in *The Black Flag*, as Richelieu, and later as D'Artagnan in *The Three Musketeers*. In the last-named character he made his last public appearance nearly a month ago. It is said that he had been engaged to play an important role in the coming production of *The Adventures of Francois*.

The funeral services were held last Friday morning at the Church of the Advent, in Montreal, and the remains were buried in Mount Royal Cemetery, near that city.

The pall bearers were E. F. Maxwell, Arthur Elliot, L. O. Hart, Albert Brown, Harold Mordant, Gunio Socola, and T. B. Findley. Mrs. Bankson has the deepest sympathy, not only of the many friends she has made in Montreal, but of all those who simply knew and admired the work of herself and her husband. Her mother, Mrs. Linthicum, went to Montreal from New York the day before Mr. Bankson's death, and will probably bring the bereaved actress back with her to her home in this city.

HAMLET DISAPPEARS.

At the People's Theatre, on the Bowery, last Thursday evening, a crowd of prominent citizens of Little Italy and the other Italian colonies gathered to hear the opera of *Hamlet*, that was announced for presentation by the Italian Opera company. The crowd clustered about the doors in eager anticipation, but the portal remained closed. At length it was discovered that Signor Salvatore Lampasio, who was the business head of the enterprise as well as the singer billed to appear in the leading role, could not be found. He had sold \$500 worth of tickets in advance. There was almost a riot, but the reserves from the Eldridge Street Station soon restored quiet, and in the end the enraged would-be opera-goers reached the conclusion that the non-appearance of Lampasio was caused by some accident rather than dishonest motives.

A CHAT WITH CHARLES A. PARKER.

Charles Astor Parker, manager of James Neill and the Neill company, arrived in the East some days ago direct from Honolulu. When seen by a Mirror man shortly after his arrival Mr. Parker said: "Mr. Neill is at present playing a six weeks' engagement in Los Angeles, after which the route Eastward will be taken up. At Spokane the Neill company will be the Fruit Fair attraction for ten days, and at Portland, the carnival theatrical attraction. The encouraging manner in which Mr. Neill and his productions were received throughout the West during his last trip has made us decide to return East by the same route. The report of the large financial receipts of the Neill company has caused other organizations that are able to present high-class repertoire to contemplate Western tours.

"I have heard since coming to New York of two or three companies that desire to visit the same territory that the Neill company has been so fortunate in. I should suggest to them to be cautious. Each play must be mounted as carefully and thoroughly as regards detail as though they were appearing in their own stock theatre, and each dress and costume must be as carefully worn. This involves a very great outlay in equipment and also requires the ladies of the company to have a very large assortment of fine gowns, as no gown must be worn twice in the same play or in the same city.

"It is such attention to the little things that make for success in that quite discriminating section. If the people get good plays, acceptable actors, and good productions their patronage is most liberal; if not, no amount of New York reputations will draw the people to the theatres.

"In Honolulu we presented fifteen different plays in sixteen performances, which I fancy is something of a record. Mr. Neill has a new play under way for him in which he will star next season. It is being written by one of our leading dramatists. As near as is consistent, we have tried always to adhere to the Neill motto: 'I would rather present a good play to bad business than a bad play to good business.' While our royalties run from \$250 to \$1,000 per week, we believe that it is the fine vehicles that draw the fine audiences, and have been the great factor in our prosperity. We would not care to present even the best of plays except in the most complete manner. That the public is ready to respond to and appreciate such conscientious endeavor is indicated by the fact that for the eleven weeks that we have appeared this season in Los Angeles our gross receipts have exceeded \$40,000. Business there at present with the Neill company, during mid-Summer, is quite as satisfactory as it was last Winter.

"In Spokane we will present ten different plays, including *An American Citizen*, *A Bachelor's Romance*, and *A Parisian Romance*. I think that Mr. Neill is the only star that is appearing as Baron Chevalier in this country. The Neill company is practically the same as it has been for a long time. Edythe Chapman is the leading lady and Robert Morris the stage-manager.

"Our coming tour will embrace most of the United States. At the close of our American engagements next Summer we have plans outlined to make a nine months' tour of Australia and the Orient. Our next engagement in Honolulu will be next September. The Honolulu public require a different play at each performance. It never does to repeat a play there. That condition makes it quite difficult for the average attraction to go there profitably.

Mr. Parker left for the West on Thursday evening, intending to stop at Buffalo and several other points before reaching Los Angeles.

SAID TO THE MIRROR.

ROYD P. JOY: "Through my recent 'ad' in THE MIRROR I have nearly completed my booking for Miss Topsy Turvy in the Middle and Southern States, securing some of the best time in the better class of one-night stands. Local managers write me that the crop outlook is better than it has been for years in this territory, and I am looking forward to a long and prosperous season."

BERNARD A. REINOLD: "The statement made by a Philadelphia newspaper that the Actors' Fund is working to secure the pardon of James R. Gentry is without foundation."

Q. CHARLES BALL, Key West, Fla.: "Kindly correct the statement that I have made extensive improvements in the Odd Fellows Opera House here. I have no connection with that house, but am manager of the San Carlos Opera House, the only theatre of any pretensions in this city. The improvements referred to have been made by me at the San Carlos."

WILLIAM F. RYDER: "I am simply astounded by the results of the advertisement I placed in THE MIRROR for my Johnny on the Spot company, now organizing. Hundreds of applications for positions and dates have poured in, and the letter carrier of our district begins to show signs of that 'tired feeling.'"

SELMA HERMAN: "Kindly contradict the statement that I am to be starred in *A Young Wife* the coming season. I have declined the offer, preferring to wait another year before making my stellar debut."

NOTES OF NEW THEATRES.

The recently burned Sans Souci Opera House, Balthus Spa, N. Y., is being rebuilt.

The site of the recently burned Théâtre Français, Montreal, is to be occupied by a new theatre that will be ready for opening Christmas week. The house will be built by Daniel Ford, owner of the property, and then purchased by David Walker, owner of the Montreal Academy of Music. J. B. Sparrow is to lease and manage the theatre.

Work has just been commenced on a new theatre at Williams, Ia.

A meeting of the citizens of Quebec, Can., was held last week for the purpose of forming a stock company to build a theatre. A committee was named and will hold a meeting in a few days, when definite action will be taken. A. A. Charlebois, proprietor of the Quebec Academy, that was burned last season, says he intends to build a new theatre on the site of the Academy, to be ready for opening December 1.

The new theatre at the Soldiers' Home, Leavenworth, Kan., is fast nearing completion.

AMONG THE AMATEURS.

The Monday Evening Club enacted Mrs. Burton Harrison's *His Better Half* and *Angel Elise* at Mrs. Harrison's cottage, Bar Harbor, Me., on Aug. 6. In the casts were Violet Whelan, Alice Barney, Mrs. Katherine U. R. Berry, Mrs. Lindsey Hoffman Chapin, Horace Stanton, Walter Damsch, and Conde Nast.

The St. Stanislaus Young People's Society of Holy Trinity Church, Milwaukee, played *Garcia Moreno's Tod* at the Pabst Theatre on Aug. 6, the cast including August Schoenfelder, Albert Schöber, Heinrich Thünes, Franz Loch, Peter Wallermann, Al. Link, Martin Rutscher, George Zanke, John Henningsfeld, Alexander Schoenfelder, Mathias Schuh, Peter Schloemer, Conrad Mohr, Alec. Allgauer, William Rutscher, Joseph Christl, Theodore Peelen, Fred Scherer, Alphonse Kiel, and John Grueter.

PERSONAL.



MASTERSON.—Above is a portrait of Kate Masterson, the "Matinee Girl" of THE MIRROR, who recently was the subject of an interesting sketch in *The Journalist*. Mrs. Masterson, who contributes to several of the metropolitan dailies and many other publications, has for many years been associated with THE MIRROR, upon which she began her journalistic career.

D'ORSAY.—Lawrence D'Orsay arrived from London last week to appear with Annie Russell in *A Royal Family*.

BOUTON.—Mabel Bouton, who was taken to Bellevue Hospital a week ago in a condition of acute melancholia, was committed to the State Hospital for the Insane, at Middletown, N. Y., last Friday. The expenses of her treatment there will be paid by the Actors' Fund. It is hoped by the physicians in charge that her reason will soon be completely restored.

DUNBAR.—Erroll Dunbar arrived from Europe last Wednesday, and is now rehearsing at Asbury Park with Morrison's Faust (No. 1), in which he will be featured as Mephisto.

REED.—Mrs. John A. Reed is giving readings in Paris and has met with much success. She has had several offers from English managers, but her health will not permit her to enter upon dramatic work.

LAMSON.—Ernest Lamson returned to town last week, after his Summer in the mountains of Arizona, with a good deal of sunburn and still more of local color.

O'NEILL.—Gertrude Florence O'Neill, daughter of the late John J. O'Neill, Congressman from Missouri, has announced her intention to come to New York and prepare for an operatic career.

GOLDEN.—Grace Golden, the soprano, is at present visiting her uncle, Captain Timothy Golden, at the Hall House, Liberty, N. Y. She will soon return to New York to begin rehearsals with the Metropolitan English Grand Opera company.

KIDDER.—Kathryn Kidder arrived from Europe the other day and left at once for Lake George, where she will remain until Sept. 29, when rehearsals begin with Louis James for *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. While abroad Miss Kidder secured two plays, one of which will be produced by the James-Kidder combination this season.

MITCHELL.—Mrs. Langdon Elwyn Mitchell (Marion Lea) has decided to return to the stage, and is to appear as Renée in her husband's dramatization of Dr. S. Weir Mitchell's story, "The Adventures of Francois," that Liebler and Company will produce, with Henry E. Dixey in the principal role. Mrs. Mitchell for several years previous to her marriage was prominent on the English stage.

GRIFFITH.—The Art Interchange for August compliments Frank Carlos Griffith for the excellence of the art exhibit at Poland Springs, Me., for which Mr. Griffith is solely responsible. Mr. Griffith is remembered as a prominent manager of theatre enterprises some seasons ago.

GALLAGHER.—Edwin C. Gallagher, formerly with Thomas W. Keene, Eugene Blair and Lewis Morrison, is the Vinicius in Aiden Benedict's production of *Quo Vadis* at the Star Theatre. The part was given to him only the day before the opening performance, yet his impersonation was so vigorous and well rounded that he was praised by all that saw his work.

DANIELS.—Mrs. Frank Daniels is a victim of hay fever, and, though she wished to remain at Manhattan Beach while her husband is playing there, she is compelled to flee to the mountains to escape the fever.

MAY.—Olive May has been engaged with John Drew for Richard Carvel.

WALSHE.—Blanche Walsh's New York engagement, following Ben-Hur at the Broadway Theatre, will begin Oct. 8 in a new play.

WORTHING.—Frank Worthing has signed to play the lead with Grace George in *Her Majesty*, which will follow *Cubb West* at the Manhattan.

IRVING.—Isabel Irving will play the lead in *The Husbands of Leontine* at the Madison Square Theatre.

VISLAIRE.—Arta Vislaire recently returned from a veryable visit to the Paris Exposition.

CLARK.—Helen Clark, having returned to this country from Paris, has been sojourning at Narragansett Pier, R. I.

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PROFESSIONAL DOINGS.



Donald Bowles, pictured above, has returned to New York from Milwaukee, after ninety-one consecutive weeks with the Thanhouser Stock company. During his long term in Milwaukee Mr. Bowles made himself immensely popular both on the stage and off. His departure from the city was regretted earnestly by the theatregoers, and the papers printed glowing tributes to voice the public lament. While in stock work Mr. Bowles has had the advantage of the stage-management of such fine directors as William Seymour, Edward E. Rose, the late George Edson, Frank Hatch, and Frederick Paulding.

The Publishers' Plate Printing Company's suit against Charles Frohman concerning acting rights to The Little Minister has been abandoned. The company, however, threaten to begin a new suit.

The Hebrew Actors' Union, of this city, threaten to signalize the dawn of a new season by another strike.

David Belasco has presented to Cora Urquhart Potter the Australian rights to Madame Butterfly.

Lord and Lady Francis Hope (May Yohe) sailed for Europe on Aug. 8. Sometimes Lady Hope said she would act again here and sometimes she said she wouldn't, so the question apparently must be left to the uncertain decision of a woman's mind.

R. T. Ringgood has been appointed stage-manager for Andrew Mack, as successor to James Vincent, who died Aug. 13.

Herbert Cawthorn opened on Aug. 6 in the title-role in The Burgomaster at the Dearborn Theatre, Chicago, Ill., and scored a hit. His manager, Mr. Thillotson, was so pleased with his performance that he requested the first refusal of his services for next season.

Harry Collins, a musician, formerly with A Milk White Flag, shot John S. Marble, late stage-manager of the same company, on Aug. 9, in a saloon at Broadway and Thirty-ninth Street, Marble, severely injured by the shot, which pierced his abdomen, was removed to the New York Hospital, and Collins was arrested and held to await the result of Marble's injuries.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weston (Effie Ellsler), Mrs. John H. Ellsler and her daughter, Annie, are spending a few weeks at Staten Island.

Douglas Flint, the John Smith of the Broadhurst Brothers' Why Smith Left Home company, has received an offer from the Democratic National Committee to deliver a political address in every city of the West in which the company appears.

Ed R. Salter has been made general manager of the Broadhurst Brothers' attractions, including The House that Jack Built, Why Smith Left Home, The Man from Mexico, What Happened to Jones, The Wrong Mr. Wright, and The Speculator.

J. J. Rosenthal made an addition of \$95.28 last week to the Actors' Home Fund. The sum is one-third of the net proceeds of an entertainment arranged by Mr. Rosenthal that was given at the Hotel Belvedere, at Far Rockaway, on July 28.

Thomas Q. Seabrooke proposes to star this season in The Rounders, under management of Samuel E. Rork.

Olive Redpath and Sim Deinel, non-professionals, were married recently at Sheephead Bay, N. Y.

By latest report David Henderson will assume control of the local Schley Theatre, with A. H. Chamberlain as producing manager.

Camille D'Arville and E. W. Cruellin will be married, it is announced, at Oakland, Cal., on Aug. 27.

George W. Lederer arrived from Europe on Saturday. So did Marie Bates and Marcus Mayer.

Frank Budd, of the new American Theatre stock, narrowly escaped drowning on Sunday at Bath Beach, N. Y., while swimming. He was rescued by Herman Hjertberg, of the Harlem Boat Club.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Sothern (Virginia Harned) arrived in town on Aug. 17 from Europe to begin rehearsals for the revival of Hamlet at the Garden Theatre on Sept. 17. Marie Dainton arrived from London on the same day, to appear in the next Casino production.

Lansing Rowan will close with the Enos Stock company at Lake Conrary, Mo., Aug. 25, arriving in New York in time to commence rehearsals for Sherlock Holmes.

Frank Mostyn Kelly left with the Caught in the Web company yesterday for Philadelphia, where they open on Aug. 25.

Margaret May and Edward McWade, who have been rusticated at Oceanic, N. J., have returned to the city.

Albert Arling Parr, who appeared in London with An American Beauty, has decided to remain here, and has closed with The Bostonians as their leading tenor.

The complete cast has been engaged for William Bonelli's An American Gentleman company. Rehearsals began Aug. 20, the season opening Sept. 3 at Paterson, N. J.

Bessie Sears, who has been summering at Highlands, N. J., recently won a 200 yards swimming match from Mrs. Swartz, of Philadelphia. The prize, a silver loving cup, was offered by the guests of the East View Hotel.

Frank Mostyn Kelly's book of caricatures of well-known players will be published during the coming week.

Cora Tanner has been engaged for a prominent part in A Million Dollars at the New York Theatre. Sam Bernard has definitely decided, at length, that he will not appear in this production.

John James Carmody and Lucy Baird were married on Aug. 19 at Middletown, Conn.

Otis Skinner and his supporting company began rehearsals yesterday in Prince Otto.

FAIRS AND CARNIVALS.

Secretary Kearn, of the Hoosac Valley Agricultural Society, has received a list of the performers for the fair to be held September 4-6. The performers are furnished by the Gorman Company, of Boston. The list includes Mlle. Nooyah, the Martines, Mlle. Louise, and the Melvilles.

The Michigan City, Ind., street carnival will be held week of Sept. 3. The officers are: H. A. Schwager, president; Charles J. Robb, secretary; Walter Blinks, treasurer; Cornelius Collins, William Schultz, Prof. Albert Cook, W. H. Davis, J. E. Shultz, directors.

The New London County Agricultural Fair will be held at Norwich, Conn., Sept. 3-5. Theodore Yennington is director.

The Boone County Fair will be held at Belvidere, Ill., Sept. 4-7.

The street fair and carnival, which was held in Albany, N. Y., under the auspices of the Elks, closed Aug. 4. The attendance was very large, but the receipts were not what they should have been. The employees of Colonel Gaskell in the Midway claimed he had not paid them in several weeks, and Fay Ward, a ticket seller, was arrested and held for the grand jury for holding back about \$100, which he claims belonged to him. An attachment was put on the tents and other property, which are valued at \$720.

A street fair will be held at Grand Island, Neb., Aug. 27-Sept. 1.

The Burlington, Vt., street fair will be held Aug. 20-25. A. H. Dexter, of the F. C. Bostwick Menagerie Company, is laying out the several shows that will be features of the fair.

The Eastern Maine State Fair Company have perfected their arrangements for their eighteenth annual exhibition at Maplewood Park, Bangor, Aug. 28-31, and have a fine line of attractions, among which are Mr. and Mrs. Dana Thompson, Pain's fireworks, showing the battle of San Juan Hill; the D'Atalies, Le Jeune Bondo, and M. Martela. The officers of the company are F. O. Beal, president; E. L. Sterns, secretary; S. D. Benson, treasurer; F. H. Small, auditor; S. C. Pierce, assistant secretary, and E. J. Emery, advertising manager.

On Oct. 2-6 the Ventura, Cal., street fair will be held in conjunction with the Thirty-first District Agricultural Fair. Booths will be built along the street as is usually done in street fairs, and a very good location has been set aside for the Midway, with side-shows and similar privileges. L. W. Buckley is director-general.

The Elks of Lansing, Mich., may hold a street fair the coming Autumn.

The fairs to be held in Illinois this season, with dates and names of secretaries, are: Kewanee, Sept. 10-14, A. B. Huckins; Cambridge, Aug. 20-24, Theo. Boltenstern; Elmwood, Aug. 21-24, Saybrook, Aug. 28-31, C. P. Esterbrook; Wyoming, Aug. 28-31, W. G. Snyder; Woodstock, Aug. 28-31, A. S. Wright; Rochelle, Aug. 28-31, F. D. Evans; Knoxville, Sept. 4-7, C. K. Russell; Princeton, Sept. 4-7, O. Wilkinson; Rushville, Sept. 3-7, H. F. Dyson; Rockford, Sept. 3-7, J. B. Whitehead; Alton, Sept. 18-22; Springfield, Sept. 24-29, W. C. Garrard.

The Seneca, Kan., street fair will be held Sept. 26-28. J. H. Cohen is manager.

The Firemen's Tournament held at Calumet, Mich., week of Aug. 6 was the most elaborate celebration in the history of Northern Michigan. Over 50,000 visitors attended. George Johnson's Oriental Midway was a big drawing card. F. M. Barnes, of the Western Theatrical Exchange of Chicago, furnished the attractions for the vaudeville shows, that were all first-class. John D. Cuddihy was chairman.

Arrangements have been perfected for the opening of the carnival at Ontario Beach, Rochester, N. Y. Among the attractions will be Frank C. Bostock's animal exhibit and an Oriental village. The carnival will be held Aug. 20-26.

The North Carolina State Fair will be held at Raleigh, Oct. 22-27. Joseph E. Pogue is secretary. The fair will be the largest ever held in North Carolina.

The Anglaise County Fair will occur at Wapakoneta, O., Oct. 2-6.

The Wayne County Agricultural Society will hold a fair at Lyons, N. Y., Sept. 13-15. E. W. Weeks is president and N. D. Tapham secretary.

Burlington, Vt., is holding a street fair this week.

The Thomas Carnival Company will give a street fair and carnival at Utica, N. Y., Aug. 27 to Sept. 1.

The G. A. R. free street fair and carnival at Bellefontaine, O., Aug. 6-11, was a success. The carnival and midway were furnished by Will S. Heck, of Cincinnati, O. On the Midway in the Visions of Art were Miller Martin, lecturer, and Misses Miller, Earnsworth, Marie Rea and Jennie Selene. In the Moulin Rouge, Jim Collins, lecturer, and the Mousins Marie Clifford, Elsie St. Clair and Ada Pavant. Vaudeville: Miles and Ireland, Chaney and Stapleton, Mae Welsh, and Gertie Tyan. Wonder World: Lutz Bros., Evalene, the Middletons, and Charles Camm. Other attractions were Bartholomew's horses and the streets of Cairo. Fred Ireland acted as Mr. Heck's manager.

The Sedalia, Mo., Elks will hold a street fair week of Sept. 17.

The New Philadelphia, O., street fair and carnival will be held Oct. 6-11.

The Jacksonville, Ill., street fair has been postponed until 1901.

St. Mary's, O., will have a street fair from Aug. 28 to Sept. 1, under the auspices of the local business men. The American Amusement company has contracted to furnish the vaudeville and musical attractions for the festival.

The New Hampshire State Fair will be held at Concord Sept. 4-7. F. W. Rollins is president, N. J. Bachelder secretary, and H. C. Pearson, press agent.

AT THE P. W. L.

Yesterday was Drama Day at the Professional Woman's League, under direction of Myro C. Brooke. Sydney Correll rendered a piano solo and Scotch songs, Elsie Lathrop and Cora Sisters sang several songs, May Asquith recited, Mrs. George W. Barnum illustrated an old-time song and dance, Mabel Taliaferro gave imitations, Miss Walman gave operatic selections, and Velma Swanton recited.

PLAYERS AT MOUNT CLEMENS.

During the past week the members of the companies that are to rehearse and open their season at Mount Clemens have arrived, and rehearsals are now under way. Brown's in Town will open Aug. 23; Si Plunkard, Aug. 28, and Ole Olson, Aug. 29.

The Savans left for Boston during the early part of the week, where they play Keith's for a week, and then join one of Gils Hill's attractions for the season.

W. C. Cameron has been engaged as manager of the Behman Show for the coming season. The company opens its season at Milwaukee Sept. 2.

Fred Hailen and Mollie Fuller left to play a week at Wonderland, Detroit, after which they leave for New York, joining Sam Scribner's show for the season.

Frank Hennessy was in town a couple of days during the week in the interest of Brown's in Town.

Robert Nelson, Jr., of the Wallace Show, is in town for a brief vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. George Middleton have left for Chicago after a four weeks' visit at the springs. W. E. Horton.

H. S. TAYLOR'S SCHEME.

H. S. Taylor has added an important branch to his busy exchange in the form of an agency for buying, selling and renting theatres. Although the department has been established only three weeks Mr. Taylor has on his list four theatres for sale or to lease. The Exchange has taken in hand recently the booking of the Hello Bill, A Tin Soldier, My Friend from India, and the Sandy Bottom companies, and has added to its list of theatres the Empire, at Fall River, the Academy of Music, at Wilmington, Del., the Camden Theatre, at Camden, N. J., the Columbia, at Paterson, N. J., the Lyric, at Hoboken, and the New Britain Theatre, at New Britain, Conn.

HOYT'S FARCES IN LONDON.

A company under the management of A. H. Canby will sail for London on Saturday, Aug. 25. It is Mr. Canby's intention to present Charles H. Hoyt's farces at the Terriss Theatre, commencing Oct. 1, with A Parlor Match. Alf. C. Wheeler will stage the various pieces and play Captain Kidd in the opening bill. Other members of the company include Chris Bruno, Ritchie, the bicycle tramp; Manhattan Quartette, William Armstrong, Emma Brennan, Mabel Russell, Isabel De Armond, and Cora Harris.

MADGE LESSING WITH FRANCIS WILSON.

Madge Lessing joined the Francis Wilson forces yesterday, filling the vacancy caused by the recent retirement of Minnie Ashley. Maud Hollins, Clara Palmer, Edith Bradford, Louise Lawton, Edith Hutchins, Van Rensselaer Wheeler, and Hellen Mostyn figure as the other principals of the organization. A. M. Holbrook will stage Goodwin and Englander's new opera, The Monks of Malabar, and Emerico Morreale will be the musical director.

MATTERS OF FACT.

C. Harry Kittredge has returned to New York after a long vacation. He is telling wonderful stories of the size and numbers of fish he caught while rusticated. He is considering several good offers for next season.

R. W. Marks has presented to W. A. Moriarty, stage-manager of Marks Brothers' dramatic company, a building site at Red Cedar Villa, Ontario.

Jennings and Graves telegraphed from Hartford, Conn., on Aug. 12: "West's Minstrels played to 3,500 persons here to-day; heavy rain to-night; performance the best ever seen in this city."

William Bechtel made a pronounced success last week at Hoboken, N. J., in the part of Hiram Hall in A Wife in Pawn, receiving very strong notices from the local press.

Emmett C. King, who played the leading heavy in A Young Wife last season, is open to a good engagement. Mr. King has also been with some of the best stock companies in the country.

Arthur Woolley is spending the Summer at Chicago Falls, Mass. In seventeen years he has filled but three engagements, playing continuously and with success. He signed a contract before leaving the city as comedian of the Castle Square company, playing St. Louis and Chicago.

H. C. F. Knick, Ft. Scott, Kan., is in town completing his arrangements for the booking of his theatre for this season.

Garland Gaden and Laura Lorraine have not yet definitely arranged for the coming season, and may be addressed 157 East Thirty-third Street. Both did clever work with The Cherry Pickers last season.

Charles H. Haystead arrived in the city last week, and after a few days' sojourn will go to Bridgeport, where he assumes the management of W. E. Naikewill's Eastern Human Beasts company. W. L. Grove will be the advance representative.

Zenide Williams, having been released from her engagement to play Sylvia in A Bachelor's Romance, under Fred G. Berger's management, is at liberty, and may be addressed at the Rosemont Hotel, Broadway and Forty-first Street, New York city.

D. E. Russell, manager for E. D. Stahl, wired on Sunday from Chicago, "Thail and Kennedy's Stranger in a Strange Land company opened to capacity at both performances at the Great Northern Theatre to-day. Company and play made a big hit."

Ale Leavitt, Jr., will open the season of the Columbia Theatre, Paterson, N. J., on Aug. 27, with Charles Callahan's A Romance of Con Hollow. No expense has been spared by the management to make this theatre one of the prettiest, best equipped, and coolest in the country. New scenery, orchestra chairs, electrical effects, and many other appointments, have been added. Some of the best attractions have been booked. The time is almost booked solid, with the exception of a few weeks toward the latter part of the season. Following Con Hollow comes George Monroe in Bridge O'Shaughnessy, Wash Lady.

"Touch Me To Forget," a new song, by L. Steele, is being successfully sung in the West by Marie Stuart Reeves, the well-known tenor, and others, and promises to become popular. Professional copies can be secured of the composer, by addressing him at 31 West 16th Street.

Knox Wilson has scored a big success in a dialect role in The Burgomaster, which is in its eighth week at the Dearborn Theatre, Chicago. Mr. Wilson's work has been one of the features of the production.

Katherine Rober will commence her regular season on Aug. 27 at the Grand, Wilmington, Del. The company will be considerably augmented this year, and a repertoire of high-class standard and modern plays will be presented, with elaborate costumes and scenic effects adopted by Miss Rober. The bookings embrace the largest cities of the Eastern and New England States, where Miss Rober has a following that is bound to make the season a profitable one.

Harter Brothers' announcement of fair dates in last week's Mirror, through error, was published asept. 4 to Sept. 29. The fair dates in question are from Sept. 24 to 29.

Charlotte Wade has returned from a pleasant three weeks' engagement with the Jacobs' Stock at Albany, N. Y. She has not closed for next season.

Ethel Winthrop, who as Mrs. Lorimer made a personal hit in The Moth and the Flame last season, is open to offers for the season.

Helen Tracy has just returned from Paris, after closing her London engagement with Zaza. She has not signed for this season, and is open for grand roles and characters.

The N. Y. N. J. and Pa. Amusement Company has been organized to carry on general routing and booking business, besides promoting six companies of their own. They have secured the Tivoli Theatre, Elmhurst, N. Y., which will be conducted as a popular price house. Eugene Bryant is the general manager of the enterprise.

GOSSIP.



Kate Medinger, who has been a public favorite for many years, is pictured above from her latest photograph and will be recognized by many readers of THE MIRROR. Miss Medinger has been engaged by Hal King for the leading character role in A Rag Time Reception. She has been associated with many prominent stars and attractions. Miss Medinger has been on the stage since a child, besides being a clever actress, she is a thorough musician. When only three years of age she appeared with the celebrated Peake family, and played throughout this country and Europe as one of their principal features, and at the age of ten played before Queen Victoria on the same staff of silver bells that she will introduce this season in A Rag Time Reception.

Robert R. Mantell's company has been completely formed by Colonel T. Alston Brown and began rehearsals yesterday. The organization includes Marie Booth Russell, Evelyn Carter, Sarah Nelson, Alda Rivers, Jenny Randall, John Sutherland, Reginald Carrington, David Young, Francis Conlon, E. J. Raymond, Leopold Lane, J. Cheever, S. Galvin, George Stephens, George Derions, and Edward Shaw. M. W. Hanley is the manager.

Nellie French will sail to-day (Tuesday) for her home in England.

Carlton Wells arrived from Europe on Aug. 17.

Helen Tracy returned to New York Saturday, after spending a pleasant Summer in Europe.

Blanche Walsh returned to New York from a holiday trip to Europe on the new French liner La Lorraine last Sunday.

The Bunch of Keys company, Gus Bothner, manager, is rehearsing at Madison Square Garden. W. J. Chappelle will go ahead of this attraction.

Lawrence Hanley, looking more robust and healthier than he has in two years, was a caller at Tux Minon office yesterday. Mr. Hanley has just finished a five weeks' engagement in Montreal with the Baldwin-Melville Stock company, playing D'Artagnan, Monte Cristo, Lafrere, and other parts. Mr. Hanley is considering one or two offers of stock engagements and is negotiating with Liebler and Company.

Samuel L. Kingston arrived in New York last week from Europe, whither he went in the interest of Gus Hill.

The old row over possession of the Casino was reopened last week when the Sire Brothers threatened to dispossess George W. Lederer for alleged non-payment of rent. Henry B. Sire announced that Mr. Lederer's lease expires on Sept. 1 and that he means to take possession then.

George H. Nicolai says that the printed reports of a new combination of popular price theatres in twenty-four cities refer simply to the old story that THE MINON noted last season.

Katherine Rober and her company closed a ten weeks' season at the Empire Theatre, Providence, R. I., Aug. 11. The closing performance was marked by unusual demonstrations on the part of the audience, that showed the warm place the company had won in their affections. Miss Rober received quantities of valuable presents, including a handsome loving cup. Large business was the rule throughout the engagement. Miss Rober will open her regular season next Monday at Wilmington, Del. She will tour New England, New York, and Pennsylvania. Her company will be the strongest she has had. Special productions will be made of Sapho, Quo Vadis, A Heroine in Rags, and Romeo and Juliet. Leander Blanden will be Miss Rober's manager.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed T. Murray at their home, Pawtucket, R. I., on Aug. 9.

Nell Florence returned to town last Saturday from Rochester, where he had been playing the leading heavy business in the Shubert Stock. He immediately signed for Sherlock Holmes.

Walter D. Greene has returned to town after a sojourn at Asbury Park, and is rehearsing to play Arrasford in Secret Service.

The Summer opera company at Midland Beach are playing The Bohemian Girl this week.

The marriage last May of Robert R. Mantell and Marie Booth Russell was published last week.

The theatre managers of Buffalo, N. Y., last week formed an association for the protection of their interests. The members of the association are John R. Stirling, of the Star Theatre; John Laughlin, of the Lyceum; Michael Shea, of Shea's; and G. A. Wegfarth and Morris Schlesinger, of the Court Theatre. Mr. Stirling is president and Mr. Schlesinger secretary and treasurer.

Violetta L. Varney, until recently a member of the Young Opera company, and Joseph S. Brientnall, an employee of the Conestoga Traction Company, of Lancaster, Pa., were married at Washington, D. C., Aug. 13. The couple will reside at Lancaster.

Nick Long and Idalee Cotton arrived in New York from London on Aug. 17. Both have been engaged for the new Casino production.

Ethel and Jessie Moore, who have been playing at Atlantic City during the past Summer in the Mam'zelle Awkins company, are visiting their aunt in Philadelphia, where they will remain until the opening of the season of The Military Maid, for which they have been engaged.

The Oliver Leslie Morosco company having rehearsed the past three weeks in New York, will take its departure for the Coast the last of this week, going direct to Los Angeles, where it will take the place of the James Noll company, at present playing a successful engagement. The New York company will continue to rehearse up to the day before they leave. Helen MacGregor, who has been successful as Flaxa in The Prisoner of Zenda in the East, will play her old part before a California audience, as Ollie Morosco has selected Zenda for the opening bill. Members of the company are: William Beach, Frederick Harting, Harry Keenan, Edwin Dudley, John Strupp, Leslie Morosco, Walter Townsend, Helen MacGregor, Nina Morris, Beatrice Ingram, Lucie Maldener and Jean Clara, who has gone in advance of the company in order to spend a week at her home in Oakland. She will open the second week of the engagement as the cock lady in Why Smith Left Home.



THEATRES AND ROOF-GARDENS.

Tony Pastor's.

The bill includes Smith and Campbell, who have just returned from Europe; Cook and Sonora, comedy duo; the Three Gardner Brothers, with Master Dick, musicians; Kenno, Welch and Melrose, grotesques; Caswell and Arnold, the acrobatic girl and the clown; Condit and Morey, in their new sketch, The Old Life; Kayston and Rayford, singers and dancers; Frank and Don, singers, talkers and dancers; James F. Horton, illustrated songs; Humes and Lewis, acrobatic team; Brennan and Slatoff, in The Irish Minstrel; Howard and Linder, in their new skit, A Tough Pup; Harry B. Watson, tramp cyclist, and the vitagraph.

Keith's Union Square.

Wilfred Clarke, assisted by Mabel Roebuck, Taso Gerow, Minnie Monk, and Clement Hopkins, heads the bill in Oscar's Birthday. Others are Gus Williams, comedian; Genaro and Bailey, comedy duo; Elizabeth Murray, comedienne; W. C. Fields, comedy juggler; the Sa Vana, acrobats; Horace Goldin, magician; Florine, dancer; the Eldridges, "coon" sketchists; Maxwell and Dudley, comedy duo; Joyce and Phipps, dancers; Evans and White, sketch team; Mudge and Morton, musical duo, the biograph, and the stereopticon.

Proctor's Twenty-third Street.

The bill is headed by Mrs. Alice J. Shaw and two daughters, whistlers. Others are Leon Morris' ponies; Edmund and Maude Poole, in An Old Song; Oriskany Trio, equilibrista; J. F. Crosby, Jr., and Inez Forman, comedy duo; Paley's kalatechnoscope; Allen Shaw, coin manipulator; Maude Amber, vocalist; Colville and MacBride, music and comedy; Clifford and Dixon, comedians; the Hoovers, comedy sketchists; Josie and Willie Barrows, comedy duo; Ashley and Woolley, German comedians, and the stereopticon.

Proctor's Fifth Avenue.

Digby Bell, comedian, heads a list including Williams and Walker, in their new Zulu act; Stinson and Merton; Cook and Clinton, sharpshooters; Frances Curran, comedienne; Three Westons, musical comedy trio; Paley's kalatechnoscope; Sisters Laurence, acrobatic dancers; Flatow and Dunn, black-face team; the Three Droles, grotesques; John R. Hart, comedy juggler; Professor L. Fox, bird and animal imitator, and the stereopticon.

Proctor's Palace, Fifty-eighth Street.

La Belle Rita, Parisian unicyclist, heads the bill, which includes Grace Huntington and company, in Checkmate; Chris Bruno and Mabel Russell, cake walking sketch; Manning and Davis, in The Irish Pawnbroker; Clemence Sisters, vocal duo; Paley's kalatechnoscope; Elgie Bowen, vocalist; Brooks Brothers, humorists; Laura Comstock, coon songs; Ziska, magician, and the stereopticon.

Cherry Blossom Grove.

The talent includes Ezra Kendall, Russell Brothers, the Collins, Truly Shattuck, the Great Everhart, Nat M. Willis, Allen's monkeys, Ernest Hogan, Marwig's ballet, The Dolls' Revel, Louise Gunning, Blockson and Burns, Elsie Fay, the Morello Troupe, Joseph Adelstein, Pat and Mattie Rooney, and Les Charmes.

Grand Central Palace.

The bill includes the Four Weston Sisters, Farrell-Taylor Trio, Martha Porteous, Harry and Sadie Fields, Daisy and Devere, Stanley and Howe, Dollie Wrothe and Wakefield, the International Opera Trio, and the Three Barretts.

Hammerstein's Venetian Terrace.

The feature of the bill is the moving pictures of the Fitzsimmons-Rubila prize fight. The olio embraces Charles T. Aldrich, Marzella's birds, Josie De Witt, Ollie Young and brother, Eleanor Falk, Johnstone Brothers, Calcedo, Hayes and Healy, Bartolo, and the Valkaries.

Lion Palace.

The bill includes Fields and Ward, Florence Moore, Major James D. Doyle, the Metwee Duo, the Clover Trio, Bicknell, the Exposition Four, Alvan, Robbins and Treneman, Garrity Sisters, and Spaulding.

Casino Roof-Garden.

The Casino Boy, the female minstrels, and an olio headed by Mile. Alma make up the list of attractions.

LAST WEEK'S BILLS.

KEITH'S UNION SQUARE.—The Great Lafayette finished his long and successful engagement last week and repaid the hit he has been making ever since he started on his remarkable tour of the Keith circuit. Kathryn Osterman presented for the first time a new comedietta, called Kickapoo, by M. H. Lindeman, author of The Editor. The scene is laid in the apartments of a young woman who is struggling to win fame and fortune as an artist. She is in dread of being served with a dispossession notice on account of non-payment of rent. She has noticed a man who has been watching the flat from across the street, and makes up her mind that he is an officer who is trying to serve the paper. While she is in another room the man enters and explains that he has come to deliver a check for a painting of his mother-in-law, who has been done in oil by the young artist. She enters, and believing him to be a court officer, tries by various means to prevent him from serving the dispossession warrant. She pretends insanity, dresses him up in Indian costume, and makes him do a Kickapoo war dance. After this she pretends to faint, and when he returns from a search for water with which to revive her she discovers what his real mission is, and of course there are mutual explanations as the curtain falls. The piece is cleverly written and affords Miss Osterman abundant opportunity to display her talent as a comedienne. She took full advantage of the lines and situations, and kept the audience in a constant state of good humor. She was as-

sisted by Thomas Tuther, who was fairly good at the bewildered youth. The setting, costumes and accessories were appropriate and tasteful. A big laughing hit was scored by Reno and Richards, the acrobatic comedians, who have been seen frequently in town this Summer. George C. Davis told three comparatively new stories, one of which has been told much more effectively by George W. Day. He would do well to use a little more discretion in the singing of his "im-promptu" song or else cut it out altogether. The writer is able to state from personal experience that the sensation of being singled out as the object of one of Mr. Davis' verses is altogether unpleasant. Clarice Vance stayed over for a second week and duplicated her first week's hit in a most emphatic manner. Her songs were heartily enjoyed. Mile. Christina and her monkeys and dogs repeated their first week's success. John and Etta Gilroy, who were trans-

ferred to Boston early in the week when they were here a few weeks ago, got a good chance to show that they are expert fun makers. Campbell and Dare were seen in a musical comedy act. Mr. Dare is well named, as he had the courage to use nothing but gags that have been worn to the bone by too frequent use during the past twenty years. Their music was quite acceptable. Earle C. Way and Madge Maitland scored a pronounced hit in their comedy sketch, in which they work very briskly and pleasingly. Others on the bill were Morton and Elliott, Kline and Clifton, Armstrong Brothers, and Allen Shaw. The biograph and stereopticon were interesting, as usual.

PROCTOR'S PALACE.—Williams and Walker headed the list. They seem to be endeavoring to get as far away as possible from the conventional Sixth Avenue coon type, and in this act they have gone the limit, geographically. The skit closes with a moonlit African jungle scene, in which Walker, dressed in the negligé costume of a dusky female savage, and his partner, attired after the fashion of a male warrior, hop about the stage in a realistic aboriginal manner. Harry and Sadie Fields made the laughing hit of the bill. The zest and energy with which they went at their work pleased the audience immensely. Gypsies and Roma brought to light a heavy weight Mephistopheles, a pretty girl, some dancing, a great deal of electricity, and some nonsense that was intended to be taken seriously, but missed its mark. The act was impressive at first, but petered out. Cook and Clinton, the female sharpshooters, hit the bull's-eye and were applauded. Maude Amber's superb voice and charming personality won the house. Johnson, Riano and Bentley, Clifford and Dixon, Simpson and Pittman, Joe Conlan, Professor L. Fox, the kalatechnoscope, and views of travel were also in the bill.

PROCTOR'S FIFTH AVENUE.—John C. Rice and Sally Cohen scored a decided hit in Herbert Hall Winslow's sketch, The Kleptomaniacs, which has funny lines and is full of bright comedy business.

CHERRY BLOSSOM GROVE.—Ezra Kendall finished his third week of uninterrupted success.

BEATRICE MORELAND BACK FROM EUROPE.



Beatrice Moreland, the well-known vaudeville star, returned from Europe last week, after a trip that extended over a period of four months, and during which she visited many points of interest.

A MINOR man called upon Miss Moreland at her hotel on Friday and she chatted entertainingly about her trip. "I arrived in London," said the actress, "the first week in April and remained there seven weeks. During that time I visited all the principal theatres and music halls. After that I took a trip to Norway and Sweden, with an old school mate, and she and I enjoyed the experience thoroughly. We visited Christiania, Honefoss, Dalen, and the Telemarken district. The drives around Christiania and Honefoss, and the waterfalls at the latter place, are very picturesque. Along the great sixty-mile water route from Skien to Dalen the scenery is beautiful. The mountains increase in size as you go along, and the engineering feat that has made navigation possible through the chain of lakes excites your wonder and admiration. The steamer at one point crosses through six different locks. I never saw the sun set during my stay in Norway. The fjords, really small lakes, are very pretty. From Christiania we went to Gothenburg, Sweden, where we stayed one day. From Gothenburg we went to Copenhagen, Denmark, where I had visited before, and remained there three days. From there we went to Germany. The trip down the Rhine to Schaffhausen and Munich was very enjoyable. At Munich we made preparations to visit Oberammergau. We had engaged our seats for the Passion Play and our lodgings in London two months before, but when we reached Oberammergau we had a great deal of trouble, as the officials refused at first to recognize our rights. After a long delay they sent us to the house of 'Moses.' I explained to 'Moses' in German and he at once offered us shelter. The only room he had was a little cubby hole back of a bedroom occupied by an old German and his wife, who refused to allow us to pass through their room. 'Moses' ordered them out unless they complied, so we occupied this little closet and made the best of it. We had warm milk and bread there, and took the rest of our meals in the town next day. On Sunday, July 1, it rained in torrents, but the play was given just the same. Although we had rugs with us, we were drenched to the skin and caught severe colds."

"How cold the Passion Play impress you?" asked the interviewer. "It is sublime. I cannot find words to express myself concerning it. I was amply repaid for all my trouble by seeing the beautiful performance. The acting was so sincere and earnest, the people putting their whole hearts and souls into their work. It was a novel sight to see the performers afterward walking through the streets with their costumes on. The women are especially picturesque, with their hair hanging down over their shoulders. They all seemed very much pleased at the admiring glances of the visitors."

"After the play we returned to Munich, where I was entertained by some German friends whose acquaintance I made three years ago. I arrived in Paris on July 3 and saw the unveiling of the Washington monument, and on July 4 the unveiling of the Lafayette monument. I remained in Paris until after the national fête day, July 14, seeing the exposition thoroughly. The greatest treat I had in Paris was Sarah Bernhardt in L'Aiglon. I never saw as beautiful a production on any stage. Her acting was sublime and she looked like a boy of eighteen. The play lasted from eight until a quarter to one, but no one in the audience seemed to tire. They all waited until the finish and then called Sarah out six or eight times. The theatre, which is named after her, is, in my mind, the finest in Paris."

"From Paris I went to Brussels and into Holland, visiting Rotterdam, Amsterdam, and The Hague, and then returned to London, where I remained until Aug. 2, when I sailed on the Mesaba for New York. I enjoyed my trip home immensely, because it was the first time in twelve trips that I escaped seasickness. I was away nearly five months and enjoyed every minute of my stay. I brought back some very pretty gowns, so I am anxious to get back to my work and make use of them. I bought two new sketches in Paris, which I saw played there with great success, and had them translated. I bought two others in London, which I hope will also be successful."

KATHRYN OSTERMAN.

THE MINOR vaudeville page is graced this week by a picture of Kathryn Osterman, one of the recognized "headliners" in vaudeville, and an actress of talent and versatility. Miss Osterman has been on the stage only a few years, but in that time she has won for herself a high place in the affections of theatregoers by a series of charming impersonations. She is distinctly remembered for her delightful work in an ingenue part in What Happened to Jones. While she was with that company she met and married "Jake" Rosenthal, the affable and popular manager.

Miss Osterman made her vaudeville debut as leading woman with Charles Dickinson at Keith's Union Square Theatre a little over a year ago, in the dainty playlet To-morrow at Twelve. Her success in that piece led her to make up her mind to "go it alone," so she secured a comedietta called The Editor from M. H. Lindeman, and was launched as a full-fledged vaudeville star under the watchful eye of George Homans, who had no trouble in looking for her a long series of dates in the leading vaudeville houses. Last Spring she went out to the coast and pleased the Californians mightily with The Editor. To-morrow at Twelve, which she purchased from Mr. Dickinson, and other one-act plays.

She began the season of 1906-1907 last week at Keith's, in this city, presenting an entirely new sketch, called The Kickapoo, which was especially written for her by M. H. Lindeman, author of The Editor. In this latest production Miss Osterman created a distinctly favorable impression and delighted a series of large audiences. She has a number of other one-act plays in reserve, which she will produce from time to time, as occasion may require. With two such good plays as The Editor and The Kickapoo she will have no difficulty in filling out a successful season. Her time is nearly all filled, and she will appear at all the first-class houses in the East and West.

Miss Osterman is one of four sisters, all of whom have been on the stage. The others have retired to private life and she is now the only representative of her family before the footlights.



KATHRYN OSTERMAN.

Ernest Hogan made a bit up to the time when he was injured in the race riots. Others who won favor were Russell Brothers, Nat M. Willis, La Belle Rita, Nellie O'Neill, Pat and Mattie Rooney, Les Charmes, Four Emperors of Music, Morello Troupe, Joe Santley, and Marwig's ballet, The Dolls' Revel, with Annie St. Tel and others.

LION PALACE.—Clifford and Huth headed the list and made a big hit in The Chippies' Call. More or less diverting acts were given by the Three Livingstons, Ben Harney, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hilt, the De Muths, Nellie Burt, George Halder, Swan and Rambard, W. C. Held, Khernas and Cole, Professor Schiltz, Annie Conrad, the Parleys, and Edward Quinn.

HAMMERSTEIN'S VENETIAN TERRACE.—The usual large crowds sought relief from the heat and were splendidly entertained by Eleanor Falk and the "illy" chorus, Ollie Young and brother, the Three Yosearys, Johnston Brothers, Calcedo, whose work on the wire is marvelous; Hayes and Healy, the Brothers La Moyné, Bartolo, Howard Thurston, and W. C. Fields.

GRAND CENTRAL PALACE.—Hatty Le Clair returned and repeated his hit. Others who pleased the Willett and Thorne company, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Darrow, Mamie Remington, Ascott and Eddie, Lola Riggar and Minnie Dreher, Craig and Ardell, and Joe Goetz.

CASINO ROOF-GARDEN.—The Casino Boy, the female minstrels and an olio made up the bill. A young man in a mask, billed as the "original shirt-waist man," sang a song about the new fad and encouraged the men in the audience to adopt the new fashion.

THE BURLESQUE HOUSES.

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Agents of well-known music firms lie in wait for candidates, buttonhole them as they leave the theatre, and then hang on "like grim death on a dead singer," expounding on the merits of the "latest" song in vogue. Their vocabulary is filled with such expressions as "kill 'em dead," "tear up the seats," "howling hit," "seven calls," "encore to burn," and so on.

They din this prattle into the unwilling ear of the unfortunate singer until he or she makes a solemn promise to call at the office and hear the song played over. Any singing comedienne who ventures to appear in the neighborhood in which the majority of the publishers are located is in danger of being kidnapped and compelled to sit down while the pianist plays over ten or twelve new horrors in the song-line. Verily the life of a popular vaudeville star is not all sunshine and sweetness.

AUCTION OF SEATS AT WEBER AND FIELDS'.

So many applications have been received for seats and boxes for the opening of their new burlesque Fiddle-de-Dee and Quo Vas Inn, that Weber and Fields have determined to have an auction sale of seats and let the interested parties fight it out between themselves. The sale will be held a week before the opening date, Sept. 6. De Wolf Hopper, David Wardfield, Charles J. Ross, John T. Kelly, and Edgar Smith will officiate as auctioneers. The music hall will be a revelation to the older patrons. The front has been remodeled and a handsome marble entrance has been built. The top tier boxes have been taken out and replaced with chairs of the same pattern and material as those in the orchestra. The interior of the house has been entirely redecorated and refurnished, and the cafe has also been greatly changed. With Lillian Russell, De Wolf Hopper, Fay Templeton, David Wardfield, John T. Kelly, Charles J. Ross, Bessie Clayton, and the actor-managers in the cast the quality of the fun and music is a foregone conclusion. John Stromberg has devoted a good part of his Summer vacation to writing music for the new productions. The costumes are the most costly ever worn at Weber and Fields'. Julian Mitchell is conducting the rehearsals, and some novel stage effects will be introduced by him.

PATRICE'S NEW PRODUCTION.

Patrice, whose popularity in vaudeville seems to increase each season, will open her Fall tour next week, and on Sept. 3 she will start her Eastern trip at the Howard Athenaeum, in Boston. For this season she has added a new and lively playlet to her repertoire. It is by George Totten Smith and is called The Girl in the Moon. Patrice will play the Girl in the Moon, and it is tolerably certain that she will do it full justice, both in looks and vivacity. Her leading man will be Charles M. Seny, who has himself been a "headliner," and whose part in this sketch is said to be admirably suited to him. Patrice has always carried her own scenery. She was the first of the vaudevillians to do this, and in her new sketch she has gone ahead of her own record. The scene is laid in the heart of the Catskills, representing a sort of fairy glen, rugged, mysterious and mystic in its moonlit picturesqueness. There are twelve drops and set pieces carried, to say nothing of two "practical" moons, one of them a huge crescent, made especially for this production and patented by Patrice. By her liberality she sets an example which her contemporaries would do well to follow. She has booked her season complete up to May, 1901, through the Vaudeville Association.

MAY HOWARD'S CHANGE OF PLANS.

May Howard will not tour this season with her own company. She says that she has grown tired of the strain and worry of management, and early in the Summer canceled all her company dates and business arrangements. Miss Howard has no definite plans for the future, but will in all probability try the continuous, for which she has received some flattering offers. She and her husband, Harry Morris, have just returned from a European trip. While in Berlin Mr. Morris purchased the spectacular farce-comedy, Berlin Nach Elf, which has had a very successful run in the German capital during the past season. Miss Howard intends resting until October. She is entertaining her sister, Cora Havill, of Chicago, who is now on her first visit to New York.

LITTLE PEOPLE IN A BIG ACT.

Miner's Booking Office, which control the services of little Adolf Zink, will shortly introduce another attraction in the same line. Edwin D. Miner has brought from Germany, under his exclusive management, Franz Ebert, who was so popular when he was in this country some years ago as leading comedian of the Lilliputians. Mr. Ebert is accompanied by his wife, little Elsie Lau. A sketch called Rip Van Winkle, Junior, has been especially prepared for them, with the view of exploiting Mr. and Mrs. Ebert's talents. Special scenery and electrical effects, and a magnificent costume for Mrs. Ebert, have been prepared and arrangements were completed last week through which Mr. Ebert will make his first appearance in vaudeville at Keith's Union Square Theatre on Monday, Aug. 27.

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One day last week two men wearing shirt waists and white duck trousers stepped up to the box-office at Keith's Union Square Theatre and purchased gallery tickets. They started up stairs laughing merrily when Assistant Treasurer Brink and "Admiral" Manning suddenly remembered that one of the rules of the house forbids the admission of men in their shirt sleeves. The "Admiral" hurried after the costless men and caught them before they reached the door. He informed them politely that they could not enter without coats, and they accompanied him back to the office where their money was refunded, and they toddled off to look for some place where amusement could be found and where shirt waists are not barred.

KENNETH LEE IN VAUDEVILLE.

Kenneth Lee, a well-known actor and playwright, purposes to go into vaudeville in one of his own sketches. Last season Mr. Lee toured in his own farce-comedy, Dad in Harness. He has written several successful pieces, among them The Glad Hand, used one season by Weber and Fields, and When Two Hearts Are Won, played in vaudeville by Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew. The sketch in which Mr. Lee contemplates appearing is called Estranged, and in it he will play the dual part of two old men, brothers. Estranged is said to possess unusual elements of interest and to be admirably fitted for vaudeville.

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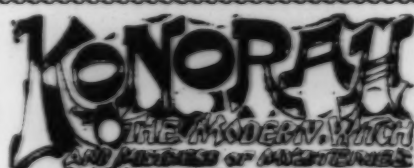
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